



## The Private Office of His Holiness 17th Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje

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Dear friends in the dharma,

As you know, recently HH the 14<sup>th</sup> Shamarpa Mipham Chökyi Lodrö (1952-2014), holder of the Red Crown, has temporarily dissolved his Nirmanakaya body into the Dharmakaya.

His demise is like the sun setting into the distant western mountains. However, like all great bodhisattvas, HH Shamarpa will manifest his Nirmanakaya body again and again, for as long as sentient beings exist, for just like all bodhisattvas he has taken the firm commitment towards liberating sentient beings. Therefore in due time, HH Shamarpa will reincarnate his mindstream, manifest a supreme Nirmanakaya for the sake of all sentient beings and fulfil his grand aspirations. Every devotee is currently making prayers and practices in front of the Kudung Rinpoche and elsewhere.

The Kudung Rinpoche arrived in New Delhi, India, on the early morning of June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014. The Kudung has been placed in the main shrine hall of Karmapa International Buddhist Institute (KIBI). HH the 17<sup>th</sup> Gyalwa Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje, along with the sangha, heads the daily prayers. During the first week, the Vajrasattva practice is conducted in the morning, followed by the Guru Yoga puja of the Dhagpo Kagyu in the afternoon.

The Kudung Rinpoche will be transported to Kalimpong, India, on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. There, the Kudung will be enshrined at Shri Diwakar Vihara Buddhist Research and Educational Institute, which was established by the late HH Shamarpa. Rinpoches and the sangha will conduct the Vajrayogini puja for a week, followed by the Five Deities Chakrasamvara practice as a form of offering to the Kudung Rinpoche. While the Kudung remains in Kalimpong, disciples from Bhutan, Sikkim and all over the world will visit to pay their last respects.



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On July 14<sup>th</sup> 2014, the Kudung will be relocated to Kathmandu, Nepal, and will remain at Shar Minub Monastery (the main seat of the late HH Shamarpa) for the final two weeks. During this period, assemblies of Rinpoches, lamas and sangha will conduct one week each of the Red Avalokiteshvara and Hevajra practices as offerings to the Kudung.

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, which coincides with the first turning of the dharma wheel by Buddha Shakyamuni, HH the 17<sup>th</sup> Gyalwa Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje, together with many high Rinpoches, will lead various Yidam practices and the fire puja to commence the cremation ceremony, together with the assemblies of the sangha.

It was the late HH Shamarpa's wish to have a Kudung stupa built on the land of his own seat. Thus, a stupa will be constructed to contain the remains of the late Shamarpa.

To provide the opportunity for friends and disciples from all over the world to pay their final respects to the late HH Shamarpa during these 49 days, this notice is circulated to inform all.

From the Office of the General Secretary of HH 17<sup>th</sup> Gyalwa Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje