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H.H. 16th Gyalwang Karmapa fortold to Chokling Jigmed Palden Rinpoche that he would undertake responsibilities for many Dharma projects, which will also be supported by an international organization of his disciples. Thus, Tharlam Dronme (Lamp of Liberating Path) Foundation was formed in 2005 by a group of lay disciples of Chokling Jigmed Palden Rinpoche in different parts of the world to coordinate sponsorship and support to Rinpoche's Dharma projects in Tibet. The following is an overview of the Dharma projects supported by Rinpoche and his foundation.



Dharma Projects



Samye Monastery and Retreat Center

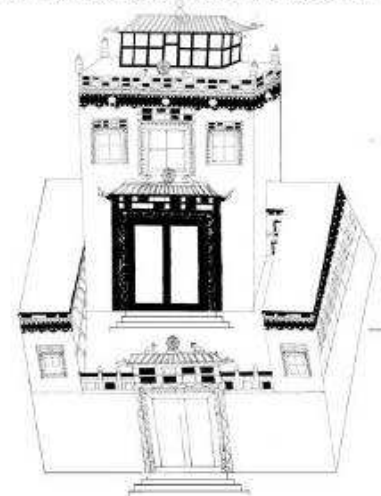
Samye Monastery and retreat center/ Miyo Samten Ling

Samye monastery was first built in the 8th century by Padmasambhava, Sangtarakshita and King Trisong Deutsen, and was the first monastery in Tibet competed with the three Jewels. Due to karma in past life, Rinpoche has deep karma connection with Samye over many life times. In this life, Rinpoche has spent over 1.4 million Renminbi for Samye monastery, including the construction of a 3-year retreat center and a large copper and gold statue of Padmasambhava.

Tsikey Monastery, Tibet



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Tsikey Monastery and a drawing of the Tsikey Shedra



Tsikey Monastery represents the mind aspect of Chokgyur Lingpa, and is now headed by the 4th Tsikey Chokling Rinpoche. In order to improve the learning and practice conditions for future generations, Rinpoche is sponsoring the construction of a Shedra (Buddhist education college) in the monastery that can allow over 33 student lamas to study and practice. Construction of the Shedra has begun in 2004. Due to new government regulation that prohibits tree logging and wood construction, the shedra need to be built with concrete, costing a lot more. Hence the two Chokling Rinpoches are looking for more sponsorship to complete construction. Each year, Rinpoche also sponsors a Drubchen (group practice by many practitioners that lasts many days without stop) of Chokgyur Linpa's Tukdrub Barchey Kunsel (The Heart Practice that Dispel all Obstacles). The foundation invites support for all these projects.

Runon Dragser Monastery, Qinghai province



Runon Dragser Monastery represents the speech aspect of Chokgyur Lingpa, and is now headed by the 4th Dragser Tulku Rinpoche. Similarly, in order to rebuild the monastery as well as the sangha tradition, Chokling Jigmed Palden Rinpoche is also sponsoring construction of a Shedra (Buddhist education college) in 2004. Rinpoche also sponsors a Tsekar (White Amitayus) Drubchen in this monastery every year. Sponsorship and support for these projects are welcomed.



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Shedra monks



Children in the monastery school



Dranang Monastery, Tibet

Dranang is the birthplace of Longchenpa. Rinpoche once gave teachings on Longchen Nyingthig and its history there, and was deeply moved by the faith and devotion of the lay and ordained disciples there. Due to their faith and devotion and other auspicious signs, Rinpoche has promised to rebuild the monastery, work on which has begun since 1997 and is still continuing.



Front and back of Dranang monastery



on the shrine altar



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over 1000 year-old ancient frescos



old structures to be rebuilt



Location near the school site

Chokling Jigmed School, Dranang, Tibet

Upon invitation by the local government, Rinpoche has recently sponsored construction of a school, such that poor children can receive education notwithstanding the annual summer floods. Agreement with the local government was signed in 2005, and the school is schedule to complete construction in mid-2006, when the balance of construction payment is due.

Zablam Naro Chodrug Retreat, Riwoche Monastery, Tibet

Near the great monastery of Riwoche in Kham, there is a retreat center for the Six Dharma of Naropa. Rinpoche is supporting the rebuilding and maintenance of the retreat center, as well as providing for the living expenses for the retreatants.





Sang Ngak Podrang, Karma Gon Monastery, Tibet

Chokgyur Lingpa has lived in the Sang Ngak Podrang (Secret Mantra Palace) hermitage of Karma Gon Monastery (the first monastery of the first Karmapa) for several years with his main disciple, Karma Rinchen Dhagye. This hermitage is greatly in need of maintenance. When Rinpoche visited Karma Gon in 2005, he accepted the monastery's request to help rebuild the Chokgyur Lingpa's hermitage

Karma-Gonsar, Lhasa



In Lhasa, Tibet, Rinpoche stays in a household-like monastery called Karma Gonsar. Whenever Rinpoche stays in Lhasa every year, many monks will also stay there to receive teachings from him. Apart from Dharma teachings, Rinpoche will also provide them with living needs and allowances.

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