

Thank You

There are many old students here, so from the bottom of my heart I want to thank you today. It doesn't always happen, so I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart on behalf of Lama Yeshe. Here, there are many old students who for soooooo many years worked so hard for the center to benefit sentient beings, for Lama Yeshe, for me, for the teachings of the Buddha. So, you see, many years of hard work at your center, if you didn't do that, if you hadn't started a center, if you hadn't born all those hardships for so many years – the debts, the expenses, the worry and fear – if you didn't do that...

Now the organization has developed and now is able to benefit the world in so many ways. It is able to extensively benefit the world, and so many sentient beings in so many ways, with Dharma education, and so many ways to benefit the world. This wouldn't have happened if in early times you hadn't done hard work for the center. Now we are able to offer extensive benefit to sentient beings. This wouldn't have happened. Even this gathering to do the course here wouldn't have happened. Similarly, there wouldn't be Kadampa Center. By now, this wouldn't have happened. The great and many ways we have to benefit sentient beings now wouldn't have happened, if in the early time you hadn't sacrificed yourself for the center. It all came from many years of dedication to the center, with so many difficulties, especially money. Education and everything was there, mostly teachings were happening, mostly that part happens, but the money is not there.

I want here to thank everyone, many people who sacrificed their life for the center, for the organization, for many years. I want to thank on behalf of Lama Yeshe, on behalf of myself, on behalf of all buddhas, on behalf of all sentient beings.

The organization has been developed. People have more and more education in Buddhism and the good heart. Good heart has been developed. Compassion is what makes it possible to achieve enlightenment, so overall compassion is more developed, compassion with Dharma wisdom, compassion developed with Dharma wisdom, that is the development that I see in the FPMT organization, more compassion. That is the most important one for enlightenment, most important one for the happiness of all sentient beings.

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