

From Lama Yeshe Losal Rinpoche, Abbot of Kagyu Samye Ling

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Dear Friends and Students of Lama Zopa Rinpoche,

I was very, very sorry to hear that Lama Zopa Rinpoche passed away. I always considered him to be a very good friend.

Lama Zopa and I both contracted tuberculosis shortly after we arrived in India as refugees. We were in hospital at the same time and because it took so long to recover from TB in those days, we spent many months together. Ever since then we have kept in touch from time to time, and I have followed his progress and many wonderful activities. So when I heard of his passing today I was very saddened.

He has been a very great and a very successful teacher and has attracted a huge number of students from around the world.

I know this will be painful for many of his students, but death is something that happens to every one of us. It is best for us to pray and to remember that he will come back to continue with his many activities for the benefit of beings. Here in the Samye Ling community we will all say prayers.

Best wishes,

Lama Yeshe Losal Rinpoche
Abbot of Kagyu Samye Ling