

**From Indo-Tibetan Translation Group**

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To FPMT Community,

We are falling short of words to express our deepest condolences of the passing away of our respected Venerable Lama Zopa Rinpoche to Parinirvana. It came as a real shock to us when this news reached us through social media yesterday, which we later confirmed from other authentic sources.

Venerable Lama Rinpoche has been an inspiration and a guiding force for so many dharma activities around the world. Rinpoche's eloquent teachings has not only helped us practicing the way of Dharma, but also influenced us to be a kind and warmhearted person. Among his numerous meritorious and vast activities, he also gave us his blessings to carry out our project of translation of Mahāyāna Buddhist texts into Bengali languages.

We mourn that Lama Zopa Rinpoche has left us which is a huge loss in the dharma world. We are determined more than ever to diligently follow all of Rinpoche's advice and aspiration into our practices. We are sending our love to all of Rinpoche's students and the greater FPMT community and pray for his quick rebirth to continue showing the way the bodhisattva on this world.

With Sincere Sympathy,  
Indo-Tibetan Translation Group,  
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