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Venerable Roger Kunsang
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Dear Venerable Roger Kunsang

The Rigpa Community is deeply saddened and shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Lama Zopa Rinpoche.

Lama Zopa Rinpoche was truly a great spiritual teacher, who inspired countless beings around the world with his wisdom, compassion, and dedication to the Dharma. His teachings and guidance touched the lives of so many, and his passing is a great loss, not only for his students and followers in the Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition, but for the entire Buddhist community.

Although we mourn his passing, we can take comfort in knowing that Rinpoche's legacy will continue through his teachings, his students, and especially the numerous centers which he established with Lama Thubten Yeshe Rinpoche all over the world. His boundless compassion will endure as well, reflected in his charitable and community projects, which include old people's homes, hospitals, monastic institutions, schools, and animal sanctuaries. Everybody recognises what a hugely important figure Rinpoche was in the spread of Buddhism in our time, and the blessings of his vast enlightened activities will never dim, but go on shining exponentially into the future.

Please know that the Rigpa Community will hold you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May Lama Zopa Rinpoche's passing be a reminder to us all of the preciousness of this human life, and the importance of dedicating ourselves to the path of enlightenment.

Please accept our heartfelt condolences—to all of those around the world who made a connection with this extraordinary teacher.

With deepest sympathy,
Jacki Lee,
on behalf of Rigpa's Vision Board and the worldwide Rigpa community