Lotus Pinnacle of Amoghapasha Mantra
A Brief Explanation of the Meaning
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OṂ PADMO UŚHṆĪṢHA VIMALE HŪṂ PHAṬ

OṂ – The OṂ syllable is a combination of three syllables: AH, U, and MA. These syllables symbolize the body, speech, and mind of the practitioner as well as the holy body, speech, and mind of a buddha. Reciting OṂ causes things to go smoothly and auspiciously, and helps you fulfill your goals. When OṂ starts a mantra, it makes it easier to accomplish the actual mantra.

PADMO – means “lotus”
UŚHṆĪṢHA – “crown jewel”
VIMALE – “stainless”

So PADMO UŚHṆĪṢHA VIMALE means “Stainless Lotus Ushnisha.” This is the name of a buddha who is a manifestation of Avalokiteshvara.

HŪṂ – the inseparability of bliss and emptiness
PHAṬ – destroy! (in particular, destroy the ignorance of self-grasping by the power of HŪṂ)

This mantra is said to be from the Sutra of Khangbu Tsigpa, which roughly means Stories of a House Sutra, but actually it is from the tantric text Duhyanshantra Tantra. Amoghapasha contains a short version of the sutra but the mantra is not in it, therefore it must be in the long version.

Colophon: