



## FPMT Board of Directors

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### Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition

Most Holy Guru, whose nature is inseparable from the victorious all-pervading Vajradhara. You who are master possessor of the complete teaching lineage of the Buddha, Kyabje Thubten Zopa Rinpoche.

With greatest devotion and respect from our body, speech and mind, our ten fingers folded at our heart, we prostrate to our most precious, Holy Guru, our kindest spiritual father. We humbly request you to please pay attention to our following sincere prayer of request.

We are the beings of five degenerated times totally controlled by the degenerated delusion and beginningless karmic habits. Buddhas of the past did not tame us, but we are very, very fortunate and grateful to you, our Kind Guru, that you intentionally, out of your great compassion, emanate in human aspect to break our beginningless chain of choiceless rebirth in samsara. Although we are continually drowning in worldly Dharma because of our beginningless bad habits, laziness, selfishness, we feel extremely fortunate that due to your kindness and care we have met the Buddha Dharma. Not only have we met the Dharma but, especially, the pure Sutra and Tantra teachings of Lama Tsong Khapa. We have encountered these teachings not only by you but through you as well. And, according to our dispositions and abilities, we are now trying to emulate you by practicing these stainless teachings. This has all happened and is continuing to happen only because of your compassion and kindness.

Who else could have penetrated through the thick clouds of our dualistic concepts for this life, our grasping at inherent existent, our self-cherishing thought and grasping at a true self? Who else, if not you, could have shown us the way to true, authentic teachings? It is because you together with the late Lama Thubten Yeshe compassionately and courageously, with clear and farsighted wisdom, established The Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition. Since establishing The Foundation many, many beings, not only human but also non humans, received immense benefits and had the chance to purify and accumulate merits.

These are the ways the Buddhas are acting for the benefit of all mother sentient beings. Understanding this, we have no doubt you are a true manifestation of the Enlightened Being. The compassion, wisdom and power of all the Buddhas manifest in your physical aspect. Our kind Guru, you with skilful means, in very many ways, with great patience, are directing us through the stages of the path: from Guru Devotion up to the final path of No-More Learner's Union. How can we ever thank you for this incomparable kindness of yours?





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Although to your holy three secrets Vajra body, speech and mind there is no coming and going, arising and ceasing, but due to our lack of merits and not following your advice and samayas,, being lazy and being reborn as being of this degenerate age, over-powered by the five degenerated delusions, our impure view and vision is reflected upon you like the dirt on face seen in a mirror.

As Nagarjuna said, "For the purpose of swiftly urging on lazy ones to Dharma practice, the Buddhas show the aspect of sickness, old age, and so on". In his Guru Puja, Panchen Lama said "Your Vajra Body is subject to neither birth nor death, but is a vessel of the mighty king, unification; please abide forever according to our wishes, not passing beyond sorrow until samsara ends."

Now, remembering the ever-changing nature of our existence, the mere thought of you, kind guru, not being among us, is totally unbearable. You are teaching us renunciation through your life's example of simplicity and humility. Where could we find such an impeccable guru like you?

You are teaching us Bodhicitta with your constant and spontaneous attitude of only cherishing others, from the smallest ants to the highest kings, directly or indirectly. You act to lead all these beings to the highest happiness. Where could we find such a compassionate guru like you? You who tirelessly and sleeplessly work day and night with your every breath and thus becoming the cause of peace and happiness to all beings.

You are showing us the correct meaning of Nagarjuna's and Lama Tsongkhapa's view with your unmistakable teachings stemming from your direct experience – an experience that is oneness with nondual wisdom and bliss. Where could we find such a great guide like you? May this noble karmic connection last forever till you have led us all to Buddhahood.

Since 23 April your deed of manifesting the aspect of having a stroke has made tens of thousands of your followers and well-wishers around the globe apply themselves so assiduously in doing so many kinds of practices, recitations, pujas, lights offering and liberating lives of animals, and so on. These activities have been, and continue to be, dedicated toward your speedy recovery and long and healthy life. Your showing the aspect of illness has in turn benefited sentient beings even more as this compassionate deed of yours has actually spurred us lazy beings of this degenerate time to practice even more. But truly this manifestation is the very last thing in the world we, the worthless disciples, wish to encounter. We have no wish to encounter this manifestation for even a split second! So now, please, please for the sake of us all withdraw from showing this aspect and we as FPMT Board Members will follow all your advice, instructions, and practice and we will strive even more diligently to protect, guide and uphold the FPMT organization the best we can.





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By the power of the prayers of all your gurus, all the Sangha in the great monasteries, your disciples around the globe, the Three Jewels, and infallible dependent arising, our minds filled with devotion and aspiration, we sincerely request and pray: *Please withdraw the aspect of showing illness and resume your true aspect of Vajra body for the sake of all your disciples.* Without you, our minds are so weak and feeble like newly born babies without parents, the day without sun, the night without the moon and stars, and fish without water.

Please, please, please most Holy Guru, the source of our temporal and ultimate happiness, live long until all beings' sufferings end.

All Board Members.

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