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KINGDOM OF BHUTAN

His Eminence Trizin Tsering Rinpoche is the mastermind for all the activities of the MCT as well as the founder of the BDIF.

Rinpoche (meaning precious), *Lam* (meaning master/root/his holiness/rinpoche), and *His Eminence* are the way how people call His Eminence Trizin Tsering Rinpoche. Rinpoche's name is Tsering Wangdi while the name Trizin Tsering, meaning Precious Chairman, has been conferred after his being enthroned as the chairman of the MCT. An introductory certificate of Rinpoche by His Holiness of Bhutan can be found at <http://www.buddhadordenma.org>. His chronological biography is as follows:

1955 – 1964 (0-9 years old)

Rinpoche was born in Khendaksa Goenpa, Bhutan in 1955. As a child he had displayed an extraordinary level of wisdom that his father, an accomplished yogi, intentionally exposed him to Dharma teachings since he was five.

His father prided on the inherent determination of Rinpoche to devote life in the Buddha's Dharma in that Rinpoche entered the Drukpa Kargyu monastery in Bhutan at a tender age of nine. and studied under His Holiness Je Yishi Sengay of the Drukpa Kargyu lineage.

1964 – 1986 (9-31 years old)

Rinpoche studied under five major masters from the Drukpa Kargyu, Nyingma, Dzokchen, Tekcho Tersar Treasures, Shangpa Kargyu and Karma Kargyud lineages:

- His Holiness Je Yishi Sengay in 1964;
- His Holiness the 16th Karmapa in 1969;
- His Holiness Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche in 1974;
- His Holiness Dujum Rinpoche in 1975;
- His Eminence Kalu Rinpoche in 1982.

1976 (21 years old)

Rinpoche successfully completed a one-year-long Wisdom Manjushri retreat followed by another four-month-long Padmasambhava retreat.

1982 (27 years old)

Rimpoche outstandingly passed the Buddhist Philosophy examination, based on his understanding of relinquishing samsara. He also began his three-year-three-month-three-day-long retreat in the late November to December.

1986 (31 years old)

Although the name of the retreat indicates an approximate of three years long, the actual period is three and a half years. Rimpoche also learned the Six Yogas of Naropa and Niguma under his root guru, His Eminence Kalu Rinpoche and therefore he is qualified to teach the practice of the Marpa Kagyu, the Shangpa Kagyud and the Nyingma Dzokchen lineage.

Moreover, Rimpoche has received transmissions and empowerments of the Rinchen Terzok (Over Thousands Traditional Treasures lineage of Main Point), Dujum Tersar (All Treasures), Buddha Shakyamuni Spiritual Kangyur (145 volumes) and Padmasambawa Spiritual Nyingma Gyubuum (100 volume sutras).

As soon as Rimpoche completed the retreat, he decided to spend his entire life on spiritual practice in caves. However his root guru, His Eminence Kalu Rinpoche, counseled him otherwise to share the benefits of Buddha's Dharma with all beings and that was when Rimpoche began the Buddha's Dharma activities.

1988 (33 years old)

The Building of a 110-foot-tall Dharmakaya Stupa in West Bengal

With the intention of benefiting beings that were inflicted in mass killings, His Eminence Kalu Rinpoche gave instructions to Rimpoche to build a 110-foot-tall Dharmakaya stupa in West Bengal. When the stupa was midway completed, His Eminence Kalu Rinpoche passed on to parinirvana. This is the first stupa built by Rimpoche of which its building took one year to complete.

1990 (35 years old)

The Building of the Eight Holy Stupas of Lord Buddha Shakyamuni

The eight Holy Stupas of Lord Buddha Shakyamuni were built by Rimpoche along the Northern India border, they comprised of: the Siddharta Lotus Stupa, the Enlightenment Stupa, the Dharma Wheel Stupa, the Miracle Stupa, the Reconciliation Stupa, the God Realm Stupa, the Long-Life Blessing Stupa and the Nirvana Stupa. Approximately 500 smaller stupas were built in between these eight stupas.

1990 (35 years old) – Present

Rimpoche has been actively teaching the Buddha's Dharma in many countries apart from Bhutan including Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand, Canada, USA, Mexico, Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore. The ultimate aim of Rimpoche is to propagate the timeless principles of the Buddha's Teachings impartially to worldwide Buddhist followers so as to unite them in one single faith of Buddha's Dharma regardless of any differences.

Whatever offerings made to Rimpoche have always been dedicated by him to Buddha's activities. Even ordinary stones that are the only precious jewels that can be offered by a person, as long as one is fully devoted to Buddhas, Rimpoche invariably keeps them safe with him. Instead of rejecting, Rimpoche incessantly tries to bridge all beings with the path to enlightenment. When the time has come, the offered stones are subsequently placed into the construction of holy objects, such as monasteries, stupas and the Buddha statues.

1995 – 2000 (40-45 years old)

The Dharmakaya Stupa Scripture Translation and The Stupa-Building

Rimpoche managed to translate the Dharmakaya Stupa Scripture from the Gubta Nagara Dharma language to English with the assistance of an American professor, Mr. Ives Waldo. The scripture was published in 1998 and as many as two thousand copies were shipped to Ohio, USA. The proceeds were then allocated to build a 19-foot-tall Dharmakaya Stupa in Ohio in 2000.

To attain the supreme enlightenment, all beings must accumulate both virtues and wisdom. This reason gave rise to the building of the Dharmakaya stupa which is a manifestation of the Buddha's wisdom and compassion. Its visual presentation can be viewed on our website, <http://www.dordenma.org/dharmakayastupa.html>. It encompasses the Perfect Teaching which shows the Path that leads all beings to liberation.

1995 – 2004 (40-49 years old)

The Mani Kabum Scripture Translation

The near-two-thousand-page-long Mani Kabum Volume I & II expound on the prophecies and teachings of the Great Compassion Chenrezig (Guanyinpusa). Rimpoche had been meticulously working hard to translate them from the Gubta Nagara Dharma language to English in America, assisted by the same American professor Mr. Ives Waldo. The Mani Kabum Volume I & II have been completely edited. The proceeds have been planned to be allocated in the Buddha Dordenma Image Foundation (www.manikabum.com).

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