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His Eminence Lho Ontül Rinpoche November 21~23, 2014



*Most Venerable Ontül Rinpoche
From the
Drikung Kagyu Wogmin Thubten Shedrup Ling Monastery
at Tso Pema in Northern India*



*The Tibetan Meditation Center is very honored to host Rinpoche for this very auspicious
empowerment and his teachings and healing blessing.*

Teaching Schedule:

Friday, November 21, 2014 7~9 PM
Four Turnings of the Mind

Saturday, November 22, 2014 10~12 noon
Three Roots Empowerment

Saturday, November 22, 2014 2~5 PM
Three Roots Teaching

Sunday, November 23, 2014 10~12 noon
Peaceful Padmasambhava Teaching

Sunday, November 23, 2014 2~5 PM
Healing Chöd Ceremony



There is limited space in the TMC basement for those who would like to stay during the retreat.

Please contact Julie Blair at drikung_tmc@hotmail.com to make reservations.

Suggested Donations: \$25.00 Friday Evening
\$65.00 per day Saturday & Sunday
\$135.00 entire schedule
No one turned away due to lack of funds

Pre-register at registertmc@gmail.com

For more information on retreat visit: drikungtmc.org

Brief Biography of Ontül Rinpoche

Ontül, which means "the incarnation of the elder brother". There is a long lineage of brothers. My previous incarnations are connected with Drikung Orgyen Nuden Dorje, a great discoverer of hidden teachings (gter ston) of the last century. He was well known as an emanation of Nyang Ban Tingdzin Sangpo, a great master at the time of the 8th-century Tibetan emperor Thri Song Detsen.

I myself was born in Kham Nangchen in Eastern Tibet in the year 1950. My family lineage is called Gope, or also Pebon Thogtrul, which is one of the thirteen noble family lineages which are again explained as stemming from the inner lineage of Loden Nyingpo, who is one of the four ancient Tulkus of Bon religion, before Padmasambhava's time.

In 1954, His Holiness the Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche and His Holiness the Gyalwa Karmapa recognized me as the incarnation of Ontül, and I was given the name **Konchog Tenzin Thrinle Rabgye Palzangpo**. Accordingly, in the same year I was enthroned in the Monastery Dong Med Ogmin Thubten Shedrub Ling.

In 1959 when the Chinese Communist army occupied Tibet, my tutor Lama Kalsang Namgyal and I left my home monastery and, together with many monks and people of our villages, we began our flight from Tibet to India thru Nepal. Life in India was also not easy because we did not have a place of our own to settle down. We were forced to wander from place to place for almost fourteen years.

The first teaching which I received from the Ven. Khenpo Thubten, a great Nyingmapa teacher was an extensive instruction on the Longchen Nyingthig Ngondro practice. Later I received other teachings from Khenpo on several important texts.

On different occasions I received Mahamudra and Dzogchen teachings from H.H. Dudjom Rinpoche, H.E. Khunu Lama Tenzin Gyaltsen, H.H. Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche, H.E. Kalu Rinpoche and others. From the yogi Khyung Ka Rinpoche, I received teachings and his personal instructions on the fivefold profound path of Mahamudra. In the years which followed, I went to Ladakh where I received most of the important empowerments, instructions and oral transmissions of the Drikung Kagyu tradition from H.E. Choje Togden Rinpoche. I spent several years in Ladakh and travelled with Togden Rinpoche extensively in Ladakh to visit several Drikung monasteries with him.

In 1971 I bought a piece of land at Tso Pema (Rewalsar, H.P. India) and with the help of my monks I managed to construct a monastery on this piece of land. Tso Pema means the "Lotus Lake", and this is one of the sacred places where Guru Padmasambhava demonstrated his miraculous powers. Now the monastery is almost complete and nearly thirty monks are residing there, maintaining the tradition of the Drikung Kagyu.

During the Cultural Revolution my main monastery in Eastern Tibet was completely destroyed. Through the effort of three Tulkus (Tulku Thupnying, Gyaltsep Tulku, Tulku Phulltsok), and Lopon Gonjam, monks, and the local people it is being rebuilt now, some parts have already been completed. There are about one hundred monks, some of them are in retreat of "Chagchen Ngaden". Since Yogi Pachung Rinpoche passed away, they are guided by his main disciple, Ven. Gelong Tenzin Nyima. Our monastery also has one branch nunnery which was destroyed completely by the Chinese communists. Since 1993 it is under reconstruction and some nuns are practicing Dharma there.

Venerable Ontül Rinpoche now resides at his monastery, Drikung Kagyu Wogmin Thubten Shedrup Ling Monastery at Tso Pema in Northern India where he teaches frequently. He also travels to the many Dharma Centers around the world to bring his wisdom and compassionate teachings to those who cannot travel to the great monasteries.



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