

From: The monastic community of Pal Tergar Rigdzin Khacho Targye Ling

Dear respected members of the Tergar communities around the world.

On behalf of newly established Tergar Institute in Tibet, I would like to express my gratitude and rejoice in the propagation of the Buddha's teachings under the guidance of our most beloved Mingyur Rinpoche, and especially in the flourishing of Rinpoche's own teachings and activities.

The first incarnation of Mingyur Rinpoche established Tergar monastery in Tibet. This monastery has been damaged and deteriorated due to old age etc., but the blessings and kindness of current Mingyur Rinpoche and both tulkus (reincarnate lamas) who live at the monastery, as well as the hard work of the monastic community, our sangha remains intact, with the great spiritual wealth such as the performance of traditional rituals and prayers and the practice of the Dharma. The monastery itself is located in a very remote area with little access materials and facilities, therefore we went through a very difficult time to establish the new Tergar *shedra* (monastic college) in our own language. With the blessings and instructions of Rinpoche, and with the generosity of many of you, the *shedra* is now running beautifully.

This year in the *shedra* we are offering the core subjects covering Tibetan grammar texts like *Situ Shelung* and *Losel Jugnkokby* Muge Samten, and the main grammar text books, *Sumchupa* and *Takjug* by Khenrab Osel. We are also studying the essential text, *The Thirty Seven Practices of a Bodhisattva*, the *Treatise of the King's Tradition* by Mipham, and classical poetry. The education has been extremely fruitful and beneficial to the entire community

Currently we have thirty five monks in the *shedra*. The monthly expenses of each monk are about 500 Chinese yuan (\$80). We offer 3000 (\$500) as a salary for the khenpo, our teacher. Every Sunday we spend about 700 yuan (\$115) for the food for a gathering of the entire community. We offer a month for winter break and a month for the summer break for all the students. For the future, we feel it will be very important to build living quarters for monks attending the *shedra*.

To those of you who have supported our *shedra* through the Lama Thrinley, we are especially grateful. We truly appreciate your support.

Our sincerest thank you from The monastic community of Tergar Monastery