



Message from H.E. Ling Rinpoche on Passing of Kyabjé Lama Zopa Rinpoche

Dear Students and Friends of Kyabjé Lama Zopa Rinpoche,

It is with the deepest sadness that I offer my condolences on the passing of the incomparable Kyabjé Lama Zopa Rinpoche.

Kyabjé Lama Zopa Rinpoche had a close personal relationship and received many teachings from my predecessor H.H the 6th Kyabjé Ling Rinpoche throughout his lifetime.

I have had a very close spiritual and personal relationship with Kyabje Lama Zopa Rinpoche throughout my own lifetime, from birth up until now, so this news is unbelievably sad and shocking to hear.

For all of us who are Kyabjé Lama Zopa Rinpoche's disciples, this is the greatest teaching our Lama can give - the teaching of impermanence. Therefore, we must not be discouraged or lose hope. We can feel even more encouraged to put Rinpoche's teachings into practice and to continue working towards the swift fulfilment of Rinpoche's pure and vast aspirations and prayers.

Please take this opportunity to rejoice in how incredibly fortunate we have been to receive Kyabjé Lama Zopa Rinpoche's teachings and blessings, and to witness the profound example of Rinpoche's amazing life and accomplishments. This can inspire us to continue with our practice and not to be discouraged.

I offer my deepest, heartfelt condolences to all of you who are grieving now, all around the world, especially all the students, staff, volunteers and friends of Kyabjé Lama Zopa Rinpoche's FPMT organization. Please join me in praying for Rinpoche's swift return!

With my love and prayers.

Ling Rinpoche
Vienna Austria
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