

Letter of Endorsement from Bokar Rinpoche Lineage Holder for the Shangpa Kagyu Lineage



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August 20, 1996

Dear David,

I am very pleased to learn that you have established the Tibetan Language Institute. This is something similar to what I myself have had in mind for some time. I always stress the importance of learning the Tibetan language wherever I go, and I feel this is something very essential for the Dharma.

The vast and profound body of teachings expounded by the Buddha is the ultimate source of benefit and happiness for all beings. The majority of the Buddha's teachings of all three yantras is presently preserved only in the Tibetan language. In order for the teachings to become well established and fully assimilated throughout the world, I strongly feel that people outside the Tibetan-speaking areas must train themselves in the Tibetan language. By this means, they will be able to have direct access to the Dharma, and this will also allow that the teachings become fully and accurately translated into new languages.

Historically, Buddhism was brought from India to Tibet and became fully established there through the great dedication and effort of a number of Tibetans who studied and learned the language of India. So it was that the vast and profound Dharma was preserved and propagated in Tibet.

Kyubje Kalu Rinpoche also had, on numerous occasions, expressed to his students the necessity of learning Tibetan. For those pursuing the Buddhist teachings as their spiritual path who wish to gain a deeper, more intimate relationship with the Dharma as well as to assist others to have greater access to the teachings, for such people learning Tibetan is particularly important.

You have my sincere support and best wishes that, in the time to come, the Tibetan Language Institute grows, prospers, and serves the many beneficial purposes you intend. I hope and pray that through your institute that many students will be inspired by the authentic work of the great Buddhist scholars and translators of the past, and that they will go on to achieve similar accomplishments for the benefit of all.

With all my good wishes,

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