To the Incomparable Luminary of the Teachings, the Abbot of Kopan Ogmin Jangchub Choling Monastery, personal assistants of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, Venerable Roger and so forth, the Sangha community, and students of FPMT,

On 13 April 2023, Lama Zopa Rinpoche, Supreme Refuge and the Luminary of the Teachings, unexpectedly manifested the aspect of dissolving his mind into the ultimate expanse. Although this is a great loss, we should take comfort in the certainty that Rinpoche must have a compelling reason to do so. Therefore, we should practice the Dharma for the spontaneous accomplishment of all wishes of Rinpoche, and supplicate His Holiness the Dalai Lama to compose a prayer for the swift return of his unmistaken reincarnation. Since the supreme of all offerings is to practice according to the guru's words, I request all FPMT centers to continue with your activities unabatedly.

Enclosed herewith is a prayer for the swift return of Lama Zopa Rinpoche that I have composed with pure intentions.

Jhado Tulku

PRAYER FOR THE SWIFT RETURN OF LAMA THUBTEN ZOPA RINPOCHE

You who endured the hardships of spreading

The teachings of the Buddha in general and especially the teachings of the Conqueror Mañjuśrī Lord in the ten directions,

O holder of the three vows, Lord of Dharma who is clad in saffron robes, May you quickly return as the matchless glory of the teachings!

You upheld the Dharma of study and practice through great austerities. Unable to bear trans migratory beings who are suffering and are confused by the darkness of ignorance,

With great love, you skillfully established them in happiness. May the incomparable sun of Dharma quickly return!

You are adorned with the ornament of supreme patience of spreading the practice

Of the authentic supreme teachings of the Conqueror through study, contemplation, and meditation.

You guide all trans migratory beings on the correct path.

May the qualified venerable guru quickly return!

This aspirational prayer for the swift return of the Supreme Refuge Thubten Zopa Rinpoche who spread the teachings of the Conqueror in general, and specifically the teachings of the Second Conqueror Mañjuśrī Lord in all directions due to his aspirations and prayers, and who has manifested passing into the peace of nirvana, was put together for the complete fulfillment of all his profound wishes and the discovery of the fresh full moon of his unmistaken emanation. This was written by the one who holds the name Abbot Emeritus Jhado Tulku in Muni Gyana Centre in Italy on 13 April 2023. May virtue and excellence increase!

This was translated by Tenzin Gyurme on 14 April 2023.