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Letter to the disciples and students of Geshe Jampa Gyatso

Dear disciples and students of Geshe Jampa Gyatso,
On 27 November, we will mark the nineteenth anniversary of the passing of our beloved teacher, Geshe Jampa Gyatso. For twenty-seven years, from his arrival in Pomaia in 1980, Geshe-la was a steadfast pillar of wisdom, loving-kindness and dedication to the Dharma, leaving an indelible mark on each of us and a bond that time has never diminished.
As we approach this anniversary, which holds such significance for our entire spiritual family, we would like to share with you a sincere and transparent update on the life and progress of his reincarnation, the young Tenzin Lodoe Rinpoche, who is now continuing his studies with serenity and dedication at Sera Jey Monastic University in India.

Continuity, legitimacy and a shared mandate

The Monastic Association Sangha was founded at the express wish of Geshe Jampa Gyatso himself. From the time of Geshe-la's passing in 2007, its President, Ven. Massimo Stordi, who was Geshe-la's secretary and continues to serve in this role for his reincarnation, led the search for his reincarnation with tireless dedication until he was found. At the same time, he has continued to care for and maintain House No. 3 at Sera Jey, where Geshe-la lived and where Ven. Massimo stays when in India, being the most senior of the monks residing there.

This commitment has also been recognised and reinforced by the formal mandate that Ven. Massimo Stordi received in recent years, after approaching His Holiness the Dalai Lama for the recognition of Geshe Jampa Gyatso's reincarnation. This mandate came from Istituto Lama Tzong Khapa, FPMT Italia, the Italian Buddhist Union and important national and international organisations connected with Geshe-la's lineage and teachings, such as Nalanda Monastery in France, where Geshe-la served as abbot.
Today, the Monastic Association Sangha Lhungtok Choekhorling continues this daily work in close cooperation with all the centres from which it received this mandate. The profound karmic bond linking Istituto Lama Tzong Khapa with Geshe-la and the entire community has never weakened, nor is it in danger of being lost. It is simply that, as our tradition teaches and as we have seen in the lives of other great masters, at this early stage of his life Rinpoche needs to be able to grow up peacefully, away from public attention, devoting himself entirely to his studies.

Public and inclusive communication that respects Rinpoche's privacy

Precisely because we do not wish to exclude anyone and want the entire community to be involved, we have chosen to continue sharing news publicly through all our official channels, so that everyone can be reached. At the same time, our approach to communication is deliberately very discreet. Following the considerable and fitting attention given to his recognition, we now share only a few carefully selected updates each year, limited to genuinely significant milestones.

It is also worth mentioning that, at the time of his recognition by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, we were expressly asked to exercise great discretion in our communications. As Rinpoche is still a minor, we have a particular duty to protect him by keeping media exposure to a minimum, so as not to disturb his peace of mind or interfere with his development.

A single point of contact to keep our efforts united

Thanks to the generosity shown by the community so far and the arrangements already established by our Association, Tenzin Lodoe Rinpoche's current needs in terms of daily living expenses, healthcare and studies are being met. Those who wish to contribute through the dedicated fund already established by the Monastic Association Sangha Lhungtok Choekhorling can be assured that all funds are safeguarded with the utmost transparency, not only to support his everyday needs but also in preparation for the major milestones in his future monastic life – such as passing the public Rigchung examination, literally the 'minor debate ceremony', and later attaining the Geshe degree – which, according to the tradition of Sera Jey, involve thousands of monks.

Precisely because an official, transparent and recognised structure already exists, working in close cooperation with Sera Jey and the centres connected with the lineage, this is not the time to dissipate our energies, pursue uncoordinated efforts or establish separate initiatives and fundraising activities. Any fragmented or isolated efforts risk creating unnecessary confusion and undermining the cohesion that has so far enabled us to work conscientiously and effectively for Rinpoche's welfare.
Mindful also of past experiences, we all feel strongly how essential it is that Tenzin Lodoe Rinpoche should be able to grow up in peace and tranquillity, devoting himself to his studies in the company of young monks of his own age and sharing in the simple daily life of the monastery and Geshe-la's House, free from any pressure or excessive attention.

The greatest gift for Rinpoche: harmony, unity and open dialogue

According to the deepest teachings of our tradition, what truly supports the harmonious development, health and long life of a reincarnated master is not material possessions, but **genuine harmony, concord and unity of purpose among all his disciples and students**. Walking together, confidently supporting the path already established rather than pursuing separate courses of action, is the most precious gift we can offer Rinpoche today and the truest way to honour the memory and example of Geshe Jampa Gyatso.
For anyone wishing to receive information or direct updates on Tenzin Lodoe Rinpoche's progress, or simply to spend some time in conversation, the doors of our Association's office at the Dharma Point, in the centre of Pomaia (Via del Commercio Sud 217), are always open. Anyone who wishes is welcome to visit us in person or contact us through our official channels:

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We will be happy to welcome you and keep you informed.
With deep gratitude and warm wishes in the Dharma,
The Monastic Association Sangha Lhungtok Choekhorling