### Padling Chokhor 2018 in Hong Kong

### The Empowerments and Lungs of the Complete Pema Lingpa Transmissions

**Vajra Master: His Holiness Gangteng Tulku Rinpoche**, Spiritual Head of Bhutan's Nyingma tradition, the 9th emanation of Pema Lingpa

**Date:** 6/10/2018 - 19/10/2018 (14 days)

**Time:** Lung begings at 9:30 am / Empowerment begins at 14:00 pm

**Venue:** 5<sup>th</sup> floor Ball room, Panda Hotel <u>www.pandahotel.com.hk</u>

Organiser: Yeshe Khorlo Nyingma Buddhist Centre of Taiwan

Eligibility: All Buddhists with great faith in Mahayana teachings

Fees for 14 days course:

- HKD1,680.- / USD224.-

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The merits and benefits of receiving the empowerments of the complete collection of Pema Lingpa's Terma

All vajrayana practices start from empowerments, which is also the door of entry to the Secret Mantra. Vajrayana teachings can be categorized into the distant transmission of Kama lineage and the close transmission of Terma lineage. This series of the empowerments are from the complete collection of Pema Lingpa and they belong to the close transmission of the Terma lineage.

The Terma lineage teachings of close transmission were revealed by tertons who were prophesized by Guru Rinpoche and these tertons, both known and unknown, were inconceivable in number.

Among these are more than one thousand minor tertons, 108 great tertons, 21 undefiled great masters, Eight Great Lingpas, three Supreme Manifestation as well as the Five Terton Kings.

This series of empowerments belongs to the termas of the fourth Terton King, Pema Lingpa, and according to the lineage of terma teachings, this complete set is the most fundamental.

The merits and benefits of receiving the Empowerments of the complete terma teachings of Pema Lingpa can be explained in two aspects: the primary aspect and the secondary individual aspect.

#### The Primary or Overall Aspect:

Primarily, all Vajrayana practices start from empowerments; if there was no empowerment there would be no accomplishment. Both the past great masters and the tantric texts state it similarly," No accomplishment is gained without empowerment." Therefore if we wish to attain any accomplishment we must first receive the relevant empowerment.

These are the primary aspects of the benefits and merits of receiving empowerments.

# Empowerments reveal the innate awareness of beings and plant the seed of Buddhahood:

All sentient beings innately possess Buddha nature. The function of empowerments is to provide water and nutrients to nurture the innate seed of enlightenment in beings thereby enabling the seed of awareness to sprout, blossom and reveal its spontaneous luminosity.

#### Bestow the authority to practice and mature the causes of enlightenment:

In ancient times, the term "empowerment" refers to "receiving the authority," similar to a prince who becomes a king after receiving the empowerment and authority to be so. A Vajra Master who confers the authority to practice on his disciples, is similar to a king conferring his monarchical power to the prince.

# Naturally receives the blessings and protection of The Three Roots - Yidams, Dakinis and Dharma Protectors:

Through the blessings conferred by the empowerment, the recipient will have his or her ordinary body, speech and mind transformed into the Buddhas' Vajra body, speech and mind. Henceforth they would be surrounded by Dharma Protectors and respected by Gods and humans. They would also at all times receive the blessings and protection of The Three Roots . These are the merits and benefits of receiving the empowerments.

#### The individual aspect:

The teachings are profound and complete. Among the thirty-two great terms revealed by Jetsun Pema Lingpa, there are three main terms, namely: (a) the teachings of the Great Accomplishments of Guru Rinpoche (b) the teachings of the Accomplishment of Great Perfection and (c) the teaching of Red Chenrezig --" *The Great Compassionate One, the Lamp That illuminates the Darkness*". These are the three Great Accomplishment methods (Teachings) of the Pema Lingpa lineage . Besides, there are many other profound practices

for the accomplishment of activities. Since the terma teachings revealed by Pema Lingpa were complete and profound in essence, they could hence complement other termas' incomplete or missing parts. Pema Lingpa is therefore renowned as one of the Five Great Terton Kings.

#### The profound prophesy of Guru Rinpoche:

The terma teachings revealed by the Terton King Pema Lingpa were exceedingly profound and inconceivable. According to His Holiness Gangteng Rinpoche, Guru Rinpoche prophesied that the recipients, even if they are not serious Pema Lingpa practitioners, even if they are merely making a connection to the Teachings, even those with little merits would be able to enter the right path. Guru Rinpoche prophesied that even the worms that live underground, never seeing the sun, by merely coming into contact with Pema Lingpa's teachings, would be able to go onto the right path and swiftly attain Buddhahood, with this fortunate connection.

Authorisation to listen and practice Pema Lingpa's Teachings, therefore receiving the blessings to mature our mind-stream and swiftly attain the profound siddhis: His Holiness Gangteng Tulku Rinpoche will offer the reading transmissions of the text (Terma) to the disciples at the end of each day's empowerments. The profound meanings of the Teachings will transmit directly into the disciples' minds through the reading transmissions. Besides acquiring the supreme blessings of the Teachings, the disciples would also obtain the complete authority to listen and practice these teachings. Hence, one would receive the profound lineage blessings to swiftly mature one's mind-stream and hence attain the siddhis.

The lineage of the Pema Lingpa Teachings is still mainly kept and preserved within Bhutan. This is the first time that His Holiness Gangteng Rinpoche is conferring the empowerments in Asia outside of Bhutan with the wish that the teachings of Pema Lingpa will be revived and will flourish and spread widely. This is a great propagation of the Buddha Dharma and the vast kindness of Guru Rinpoche's Grace. This would also ensure that the disciples of this lineage as well as sentient beings in the ten directions to receive the blessings and protection of all the Yidams, Dakinis and Dharma Protectors.

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