



This picture is His Holiness Chamgon Dorje Chang Tai Situpa giving teachings at Stanford University



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Birthday Celebration of His Holiness Chamgon Dorje Chang Tai Situ Rinpoche

Saturday, February 24th, 10 AM

On February 24th, starting at 10 AM, we will celebrate the birthday of His Holiness Chamgon Dorje Chang Tai Situ Rinpoche. At 10 AM, we will begin with Tara puja, led by Venerable Lama Tenam-la and Venerable Lama Palden Dorjee, followed with a short introduction by Venerable Lama Tenam, and then long life prayers for His Holiness Chamgon Dorje Chang Tai Situ Rinpoche. We invite and welcome all Buddhist devotees, Asians and Caucasian, to join us at KDK for this special occasion. Last year, Lama Palden Dorjee also conducted puja and long life prayer, so this is the 2nd annual occasion and we hope to keep this schedule every year. It is wonderful to have all the devotees gathered together. It will be an opportunity to meet all of these devotees, as all of you are practicing under his guidance. All of us together offering prayers will be more effective than just a few people doing this.

It is very fortunate that Venerable Lama Tenam will give us the opportunity to view a video tape of the Palpung Monastery and the activities of His Holiness Chamgon Dorje Chang Tai Situpa. This is very good for people who know how Sherabling has been rooted for the lineage, and that there is very much hope for future generations. This tape is more or less, "seeing liberation", and we urge you all to give this time for yourself. After the video, if you have any questions, the Venerable Lama Tenam will answer. We invite asians, caucasians, all the different students and devotees to seriously take this opportunity.



Also, this occasion is sponsored by the Tibetan devotee, Mr. Thubten's family from Dergye.

This incarnation lineage starts with Lord Maitreya, a direct disciple of Lord Sakkyamuni, who the Buddha prophesized would be the coming fifth Buddha. Since the Buddha Sakkyamuni's time, he has reincarnated in India and Tibet, and has benefited many beings and contributed to increase and sustain the Buddha's doctrine. In India, there was the Indian Mahasiddha Don-Be Heruka, and many other forms of Bodhisattvas and Mahasiddhas who were incarnated in India. In Tibet, he was incarnated as the Lord Translator, Marpa. After that, he was born as Situ Dogon Rechen, who was the first Karmapa's heart disciple. Since then, he has reincarnated in Tibet in many different schools of Tibetan Buddhism as scholar and yogi. Situ Chokyi Jungnye was the one who established the Palpung Monastery, which had more than 1,000 monks up until the time of the Chinese invasion. They had a university of sutra and tantra, and five different kinds of signs that all studied and many of Situ Chokyi Jungnye's disciples became yogis and scholars, who became renowned throughout Tibet and benefited sentient beings through his blessings and wisdom. After the religious freedom in Tibet, he reestablished all of the qualities of the Buddha's philosophy and the five signs, which is continuing up until now and more than 1,000 monks study and graduate from that college. Khenpos, yogis, lamas go all over the world carrying the activity of the Buddhadharma. The Karma Kagyu Tsurphuk monastery in Tibet was founded by the first Karmapa Dusum Kyenpa, and Palpung was founded by Situ Tsokyi Jungnye. These monasteries are well known in Tibet, known as "Pal Tsur". The main seat of Tai Situpa in Palpung is in the Eastern Tibet. In the center of Tibet, Tsurphuk monastery, is the seat of His Holiness the Karmapa. These are both in the same lineage. There are so many Karma Kagyu monasteries in central Tibet and eastern Tibet, but we only list these two because these are continually functioning and historical two main seats of the Karma Kagyu Lineage.

We hope you all can join to offer prayers for His Holiness' long life and flourishing of His Buddha activities.