



## **KARMAPA CHARITABLE TRUST**

**Announcement  
to  
Karma Kagyu Buddhist Centers in  
Asia, Europe, and the Americas  
from the  
Council of His Holiness Gyalwa Karmapa**

Being entrusted with the legal and administrative responsibilities of His Holiness the late 16<sup>th</sup> Gyalwa Karmapa, the trustees of the Karmapa Charitable Trust (KCT) have officially designated His Holiness the 17<sup>th</sup> Gyalwa Karmapa the legal heir of his illustrious predecessor. As His Holiness has matured and received the teachings and transmissions of the Karma Kagyu lineage, he has successfully embarked on spreading the Dharma throughout the world. Today even at a relatively young age, he has earned the reverence of people of faith and the respect of public officials.

Established according to previous directives of the KCT trustees and operating under the spiritual leadership of His Holiness, the Council of His Holiness Gyalwa Karmapa has begun to assist and advise the 17<sup>th</sup> Karmapa, especially regarding the Administrative Office of the Rumtek Monastery, seat of His Holiness Gyalwa Karmapa. The judicial proceedings in India will soon draw to a conclusion, and every step along the legal way has favorably indicated that the KCT, and thus His Holiness the 17<sup>th</sup> Karmapa, will soon assume legal control of the monastery.

His Holiness and the Council bear no animosity or disrespect for His Holiness Urgyen Trinley Rinpoche and his genuine followers. According to the former trustees decision, the council wishes it to be known that anyone who had supported the party which took over the Rumtek Monastery, directly or indirectly, should send an apology letter to His Holiness the 17<sup>th</sup> Karmapa Thaye Dorje or else be prevented from seeing the holy relics and attending future religious ceremonies at the monastery.

Until peace and religious functions have been properly restored at the Rumtek Monastery, the administrative work of the 17<sup>th</sup> Karmapa and the International Karma Kagyu Headquarters, founded by His Holiness the 16<sup>th</sup> Karmapa, will temporarily operate from Kalimpong, India.

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