



Drikung Kagyu Lineage

Drikung Kagyu Lineage is one of the Kagyu lineages which was founded about 850 years ago, by the enlightened spiritual master Kyoba Jigten Sumgön (1143-1217). Teachings came directly from Buddha Shakyamuni and the primordial Buddha, Vajradhara and were handed down to Gampopa (1079-1153) through fully enlightened masters such as Tilopa, Naropa, Marpa, and Milarepa. Gampopa in turn gave all these teachings to Phagmodrupa (1100-1170). Jigten Sumgön was one of the closest and chief disciples of Phagmodrupa. After receiving all the complete teachings from Phagmodrupa, Jigten Sumgön then gave them all to his chief disciple, Gurawa Tsultrim Dorje (1154-1221). All these enlightened energies, blessings and teachings were then handed down unbroken to the present 37th and 36th lineage holders, His Holiness Drikung Kyabgon Trinley Lhundup (Chetsang) who lives in Dehra Dun, India and His Holiness Drikung Kyabgon Chungtsang who lives in Tibet. Lord Jigten Sumgön prophesied again and again, "In the future my teachings will flourish by the two Bodhisattvas, who are like the sun and the moon, through their compassion and wisdom." H.H. Drikung Kyabgon Trinley Lhundup is like the sun. He is the emanation of Chenrezig, the compassionate deity. H.H. Chungtsang is like the moon. He is the emanation of Manjushri, the wisdom deity. As a member of the Kagyu family, it shares with the other Kagyu lineages practices such as Mahāmudrā and the Six Dharmas of Naropa. Within this context of a shared heritage with the other Kagyu lineages, the Drikung Kagyu is known for the philosophical view expressed in Gong Chig, and the stages of Mahāmudrā practice known as "The Five-fold Profound Path". Furthermore, from the 16th century onward, the Drikung Kagyu has held the main transmission of a treasure-cycle known as the *Most Profound (yang zab)*. The Drikung is also known for its Great Phowa Practice and great meditators. There are many stories about those who have attained Enlightenment in one lifetime. More information at <http://www.drikung.org/>

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The Center provides opportunity for Dharma study and practice. Ratnashri Newsletter is published regularly to promote and inspire enthusiasm in the study and practice of Buddha's Dharma teachings in our everyday life.

Lord Jigten Sumgön's Biography (continued)

Arriving at Drikung Thil, at the age of 37, he established Drikung Jangchubling; the largest and main seat of Drikung Kagyu in Tibet. He miraculously drew many streams to deal with water shortage at Drikung. He is also credited for starting Sojong; the purification ceremony. He built monasteries and special Stupas with many doors.

Great scholars such as Mahapandita Shakya Shri Bhadra, Ngorje Repa and Karmapa Dusum Khyenpa saw Jigten Sumgön as Nagarjuna and as Buddha himself, thus had great devotion and received many teachings from him.

With the fame, followers grew by the thousands, many of whom became great practitioners and realized yogis. Once in a summer retreat at Drikung, number of participants recorded was over 180,000. His chief disciples were Sherab Jungne, Dorje Sherab, Rinchen Jangchub, the great abbot Gurawa, Nyo Gyalwa Lhanangpa, and others.

At the age of 75, in the Fire-Ox year (1217 AD), he entered Parinirvana and was cremated on 13th of Vaishaka amidst many auspicious signs.

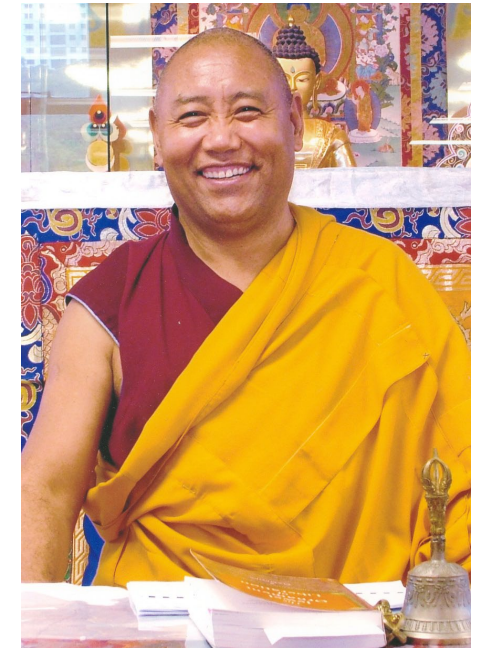
He taught extensively to his disciples. Most of his teachings were recorded by his disciples and were collected in the *Jigten Sumgön Kabum*.

Further details of Lord Jigten Sumgön's life can be found in *Scintillation of the Precious Vajra, Calling the Lama from Afar, Great Kagyu Masters, and Thirty-Seven Wondrous Accounts of Lord Jigten Sumgön*.



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Khenchen Konchog Gyaltsen Rinpoche

was born in the spring of 1946 in the sacred Tsari in Tibet. In 1959, because of the political situation in Tibet, Rinpoche fled to Darjeeling in India with his family, there he began his education. Already at a young age, Rinpoche was an excellent and dedicated student.

Being among its first students at the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies that had opened in Varanasi, India, Rinpoche began a nine-year program of study including *Madhyamika*, *Abhidharma*, *Vinaya*, *Abhisamayalankara*, and *Uttaratantra*. In early 1968, he had the good fortune to take full monastic ordination from Kalu Rinpoche, and, shortly after graduation, he received teachings from the 16th Gyalwa Karmapa on the realization songs of the Indian mahasiddhas. Rinpoche also received teachings and instructions from great Buddhist masters such as Venerable Khunu Lama Rinpoche, with whom Rinpoche studied two works of Gampopa: *The Jewel Ornament of Liberation* and *The Precious Garland of the Excellent Path*, together with Mahamudra and many of Milarepa's songs.

Rinpoche began a three-year retreat in 1978 under the guidance of the enlightened master Khyunga Rinpoche. During the retreat, he was able to deepen and enhance his understanding of *The Fivefold Path of Mahamudra* and the profound *Gong Chig* text of Lord Jigten Sungön. Rinpoche also received many other transmissions.

In 1985, Rinpoche was able to receive personal blessings, as well as instructions and transmissions of Mahamudra and the Six Yogas of Naropa, from the enlightened master, the Venerable Pachung Rinpoche at the main seat of the Drikung Kagyu lineage in Drikung Thil, Tibet.

In 1982, Rinpoche travelled to the U.S. Since then, his compassion and dedication to the Dharma have taken him to all parts of the world, tirelessly giving teachings and organizing Dharma centers. He singlehandedly translated all the major Drikung Kagyu meditation practices into English. Dedicated to make Dharma available to the West, Rinpoche has published many books such as *Great Kagyu Masters*, *Jewel Ornament of Liberation*, *Opening the Treasure of the Profound*, and *Four Dharmas of Gampopa*.

As a Great Abbot of the Drikung Kagyu Lineage, endowed with great knowledge, wisdom, and meditation experience, Rinpoche selflessly shares them to all; in particular, to the ordained monks and nuns in monasteries in India and Nepal. With his heart and mind firmly turned towards the Dharma, Rinpoche truly blazes with magnificence, goodness, virtue, and kindness. Rinpoche's teaching can truly change your life if you take them sincerely to heart.

Teachings from the Jigten Sumgön Kabum

Wish-Granting Tree: Explanation of the Six Paramitas
Cooling Sandalwood Mala: The Three Pitakas Practice

Time: Sat. – Mon., **June 22 – 24, kl. 9-12, 14-17**

Venue: **Retreat place at Ingarö (public bus SL)**

Further details upon registration.

Fees: Basic Fee without accommodation: 1 500 kr. for the entire course (lunch is included) OR 600 kr. per day.
Accommodation: 350 kr. per night including meals.

Registration: Email to info@ratnashri.se and payment made (PG:: 128 78 06-2) by June 17 the latest.

The profound collected works (Kabum) of the Drikung Kagyu Lineage founder, Jigten Sumgön, the Dharma King of the Triple World (1134-1217) records his personal and direct experience shared with his closest disciples. Most of his Kabum is based upon the words of his root guru, the great Kagyu master Phagmodrupa (1110- 1170). Both the words of Jigten Sumgön and those of his teacher are based on the Palchen (*Avatamsaka Sutra*) and Konchog Zegpa (*Ratnakuta Sutra*), both original teachings of Lord Buddha Shakyamuni. His outer teachings are called The Jewel Treasure Store whereas his inner teachings (on chakras, channels, winds, and essences) are called The Jewel Rosary. The history of the compilation of the Kabum extends over many centuries. Nevertheless, it represents only a part of Jigten Sumgön's total teachings, and even today manuscripts of his teachings are discovered in India and Nepal that are not in the Kabum.

Rinpoche will focus on two teachings from the Kabum. When teaching the *Wish-Granting Tree: Explanation of the Six Paramitas*, Rinpoche will explain how the practice of the six paramitas (generosity, morality, patience, perseverance, meditative concentration, and wisdom) benefits self and all other sentient beings like a wish-granting tree. When teaching the *Cooling Sandalwood Mala: The Practice of the Three Pitakas*, Rinpoche will explain how the Three Pitakas (Baskets): Vinaya, Sutra, and Abidharma, can be practiced step by step by the same person. All are part of the practice, and are included in the Three Trainings (morality, samadhi, and special insight). Any practice session contains all the essence of the three Baskets. Yogins are required to practice at all levels of cause, path, and fruition.

Private Audience with Rinpoche

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Biography of Lord Jigten Sumgön (1143-1217)

The glorious Phagmodrupa had five hundred disciples who were honored with white parasols. Nevertheless, he repeatedly proclaimed that his successor would be an Upasaka of the tenth Bodhisattva stage. That person was no other than the peerless Kyobpa Jigten Sumgön, emanation of Tathagata Lurik Dronma and Nagarjuna.

Propheesied in many Sutras, Kyobpa Jigten Sumgön was born in a noble family of Kyura clan in Tibet. His father Naljorpa Dorje was a great Yamantaka practitioner and his mother was Rakyisa Tsunma. Many marvelous signs occurred during his birth. He started his formal education under his father at the age of four and later under his uncle, the great abbot Ra-dreng Gomchen, the reverend Khorwa Lungkhyer, and others. He was initially named Tsunpa Kyab and later as Dorje Pal.

When he was eight, he had a vision of Yamantaka while meditating at Tsib Lungmoche. He saw the nature of Samsara and Nirvana as insubstantial like a reflection in a mirror. He received and mastered various teachings on Luminosity, Mahamudra, Kadampa tradition, Guhya-samaja etc and became a renowned yogi in Kham.

Just hearing the name Phagmodrupa from Gonda Pandita, great devotion aroused in Jigten Sumgön, thus he went to Central Tibet to seek Phagmodrupa's teachings. Travelling day and night, he reached Phagdru Monastery. Phagmodrupa received him by saying, "Now all my disciples are present". He was then given Upasaka and Bodhichitta vow and was named Ratna Shri. He attended Phagmodrupa for two and half years and soon became his heart son and successor after Phagmodrupa passed away.

After receiving Four Yogas of Mahamudra from Dakpo Gomtsul, he spent seven years at Echung Cave where he attained enlightenment. With the realization of unity of discipline and Mahamudra, he took the vow of a fully ordained monk. He then took over the abbot seat of Phagdru Monastery, but later on left to benefit more beings.

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