

# The 9th KAGYU MONLAM AUSTRALIA 2019

The Kagyu Monlam Organizing Committee, under the tutelage of His Holiness the 17th Gyalwang Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje, has requested Barom Kagyu Chodrak Drupju Chuling to organize the 9th Kagyu Monlam Australia 2019 which will be held in Sydney.

Barom Kagyu Chodrak Drupju Chuling which is under the spiritual guidance of the Venerable Sonam Tenzin Rinpoche, is extremely excited to announce that Eminence Aten Phuntsok Rinpoche, the Abbot of Chodrak Khangnay Monastery Tibet, has accepted to preside over the 9th Kagyu Monlam Australia 2019.

Date: 5th, 6th and 7th (Labour Day) October, 2019

**Location**: Bryan Brown Theatre

Rickard Rd & Chapel Road, Bankstown NSW 2200, Australia

#### **Programme:**

Aten Phuntsok Rinpoche will teach "Lojong" (Seven-Point Mind Training) during the 3 days of Kagyu Monlam. The teachings will be extended after the completion of Kagyu Monlam and will take place at Barom Kagyu Chodrak Drupju Chuling Centre in Sefton, Sydney.

In addition, we are requesting Rinpoche to give teachings on Mahamudra and special tantric empowerments to all attendees.

## **Background of the Eminence Aten Phuntsok Rinpoche**

Aten Phuntsok Rinpoche is a truly authentic and great Vajrayana master and it is extremely difficult for us to have the opportunity to meet and receive teachings and blessings from him.

Having presided over quite many Kagyu Monlam Chenmo - Hong Kong, Nepal and Tibet, Rinpoche is quite an experienced and accomplished master of ceremony and teacher.

## Purpose of Kagyu Monlam Chenmo:

The Kagyu Monlam is an annual prayer gathering (the Great Encampment) of devotees in order to listen to Buddhist teachings and to pray for world peace and harmony. It spreads the seeds of loving kindness and pure motivation, and deliver genuine peace, love, happiness and well-being to the world.

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Genuine and heart-felt prayers do have the power to mitigate risks of war and natural disasters caused by the 5 elements such as earthquakes, tsumanis, floodings, bush fires and so forth. Also, the Monlam provides an excellent opportunity to introduce general Buddhism to people in New South Wales who are unfamiliar with the teachings of the Lord Buddha.

# Origin:

The 7th Karmapa, Chodrak Gyatso (1454-1506) initiated the practice of holding massive prayer festivals (the Great Encampment) on the major Buddhist celebrations, laying the seed for today's modern Kagyu Monlam Chenmo. The 17th Gyalwang Karmapa said: "the Tibetan word "Monlam" means "aspiration prayer". When the noble Sangha (monks and nuns) and Upasaka and Upasika (male and female attendees) come together in one place to chant the Twenty-Branch Monlam for world peace with pure motivation, there is absolutely no doubt that each single recited word will be of tremendous benefit.

Kagyu Monlam Chenmo is now a truly international phenomenon which is being organized annually in many countries, including Australia.

In addition to the Eminence Aten Phuntsok Rinpoche, we are inviting the noble Sangha (monks and nuns) of Australia, Tibet, India and Nepal to participate in the Monlam.

Everyone is invited and it is not necessary to be a Buddhist to be eligible to participate. All you need is 'a good heart' and the sincere wish for World Peace. Entry is free and we would encourage you to bring families and friends to come along. Also, we are expecting a number of people from overseas to attend the Monlam and teachings. We do expect the above schedule to change but please, check our website below for further updates and news.

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