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Sakya Phuntsok Phodrang

On November 7th, 2016, the Crown Jewel of all Yogis, His Holiness Dagchen Dorjechang's kudung (holy body) was flown from the Sakya Monastery in Seattle, WA, His Holiness' main seat in the United States to the Phuntsok Phodrang residence in Delhi, India. Preceding the holy cremation, three days of Guru Yoga Puja was performed from November 8th through 10th. The holy cremation took place at the Sakya Phuntsok Phodrang on November 11th in Delhi. The holy cremation was presided over by His Holiness Sakya Trizin Rinpoche and their Eminences, the Sakya Dhungseys. Also present was His Eminence Ngor Luding Khenchen Rinpoche, accompanied by Khenpos and Lamas representing the Ngorpa, Dzongpa and Tsarpa sub-lineages of the great Sakyapa tradition. The Speaker of the Central Tibetan Administration was also present with other members of the Central Tibetan Administration. The Minister of the Department of Religion & Culture, as well as the Minister of the Department of Finance, the Representative of the Bureau of His Holiness the Dalai Lama in New Delhi, also graced the occasion with their presence. Many dignitaries representing all the schools of Tibetan Buddhism and various organizations and groups, as well as many people from overseas, traveled all the way to India to pay their last respects to His Holiness Jigdal Dagchen Dorjechang. Thousands of monks, nuns, and lay people came from all directions to pay their respects. The Sakya Monlam Committee was of invaluable help in making all of this possible.

Under the guidance and wise counsel of His Holiness Sakya Trizin Rinpoche, we were able to fulfill all of His Holiness Jigdal Dagchen Dorjechang's wishes regarding the last rites. We shall be forever indebted to His Holiness' kindness in giving us direction and providing assistance in making all the necessary preparations leading up to the holy cremation and for the successful completion of the holy cremation. We would also like to express our appreciation and gratitude to both their Holiness Gyalwang Karmapa Rinpoches, His Eminence Dilgo Khyentse Yangsi Rinpoche, and all the esteemed Lamas, Khenpos, and representatives of all the schools of Tibetan Buddhism from the bottom of our hearts for their show of support.

We wish to express our deep gratitude and appreciation to everyone for their kind assistance, support, and generous offerings for the holy cremation.

With our gratitude and warmest wishes,

The Sakya Phuntsok Phodrang family, January 15, 2017

Dagmo Jamyang Sakya

