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Künsig Shamarpa in Vienna

Lectures & Empowerment
June 6.-7, 2009

Karma Kagyü Sangha

We are very happy to announce the visit of the Künsig Shamarpa to Vienna, Austria:

Sat., June 6, 16.00h und 19.00h

Giving Meaning to one's Life – Helping Others: the Mahayana Mindtraining

(Lecture, part 1 and 2)

Mindtraining is a very efficient method to exchange one's deeply rooted habitual patterns with room for development: mindfulness, respect, and compassion become one's natural inner disposition. The training helps us to find inner peace, joy, and certainty and gives us the capacity to truly understand others. This is an excellent ground to give meaning to one's own life and to be helpful for others as well.

Sun., June 7, 10.00h:

Empowerment in Amitabha, the "Buddha of Limitless Light"

Practising on Buddha Amitabha is very common in many Buddhist countries. It is said that the empowerment in Amitabha is of great benefit: on the one hand, it strengthens one's life-force and, on the other hand, it helps us to achieve a good rebirth or to even attain liberation from samsara at the time of death. We are exceedingly happy to receive this empowerment from Künsig Shamarpa who is regarded as an emanation of Buddha Amitabha.

Prior to the empowerment, Künsig Shamarpa will give the buddhist refuge. He will explain the steps of the empowerment as he proceeds with it and will also give the lung, the reading-transmission, for a Buddha Amitabha-practice text.

The Shampas are among the most important holders of the teachings of Tibetan Buddhism.

Künsig Shamarpa is second to the Karmapa in the Karma-Kagyü-lineage. The reincarnation-line of the Shampas goes back to the 13th century and is thus one of the oldest in Tibet. The present, 14th Shamarpa, Mipham Chökyi Lodrö, was born in Derge, East Tibet, in 1952 and was recognized as the Shamarpa-reincarnation by the 16th Gyalwa Karmapa.

At the age of six he came to Tsurphu, the main monastery of the 16th Karmapa in Central Tibet. Soon after, he left Tibet along with the 16th Karmapa and settled in Sikkim. Until 1979 Künsig Shamarpa received a comprehensive Buddhist education in philosophy and meditation under the supervision of the 16th Karmapa. And he received from the Karmapa all transmissions which are essential for the Kagyü-lineage. Furthermore, the 16th Karmapa installed the Shamarpa as his lineage holder.

In the year 1981 Künsig Shamarpa initiated our Karma-Kagyü-Center in Vienna. Since then he visited the center four times – each of his visits was a great inspiration for our spiritual path.

Empowerments are part of the Vajrayana, the Buddhist Tantra, often referred to as Tibetan Buddhism. The Vajrayana path comprises a wide range of methods practised on the basis of all the other teachings of the Buddha. Empowerments are the gate through which the practitioners enter into this path. The different steps of an empowerment allow the practitioner to generate a direct understanding of mind's true nature. This first impulse is then further cultivated by means of meditation.

Venue:

Bundesamtsgebäude, Radetzkystr. 2, 1030 Vienna, Austria
(5 minutes walking distance to U4, Schwedenplatz)

Fee: Euro 20,- for each session
reductions possible

Reservations and further information:

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Opening hours: Tuesday, Thursday 17.00–19.00 hrs
Fridays 9.00–11.00 hrs or as arranged by telephone.
Reserved tickets have to be collected at the ticket booth at the latest half an hour before the relevant event commences.

Announcement for August:

The 17th Gyalwa Karmapa in Vienna: Lectures & Empowerment

Thu., August 27, 2009, 15.30h

The Preliminary Training for the Mahamudra-Practice Explanations and Reading Transmission (Lung)

Thu., August 27, 2009, 19.30h

Empowerment in Buddha Shakyamuni

Venue:

Großer Festsaal der Universität Wien
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