

Approval Drimed Dawa as a Khenpo of Sutra and Tantra

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Always bowing to the great kind guru who has the three beneficent teachings of a Vajra Master,
Whose playful energy is unobstructed, the immediate presence of awareness in the great expanse of the dharmakaya's changeless absolute truth,
I bow to the Lord of the four kayas who gives the glory of health and happiness to living beings,
Who depends on a support which does not abide in a single color and form,
Rather on an ocean of precious merit of the two assemblies, layered as Meru's hundred thousand powerful peaks of form bodies.
I bow to the sutra/tantra dharma arising from the causes agreeing with that, the profound, widespread, eight-limbed ambrosial dharma,
To the holy dharma which brings forth a river of tenets because the activities of the conqueror never cease flowing;
I bow to the sangha which shoulders the load, the porters of the great vehicle of the sun and moon of the two teachings,
The panditas and siddhas of India and Tibet, the horizon of wise ones
Who are like a ring of golden peaks whose rim upholds learning and realization.

So, having welcomed them with respect and praise, individuals should take to heart their striving for liberation, the precious teaching of the conqueror. That very dharma perfectly abides for a long time because of those born to hold, protect, and amplify the teachings. This is of great importance. That teaching in the form of scriptures needs to be transmitted, expounded, and learned as dharma, and when it is understood, it is to be meditated upon and realized. First, knowing it oneself, then one shows the path to others. One who has that ability is a Khenpo. That being so, at this time, my pupil Drimed Dawa is to be consecrated as a Secret Mantra Khenpo. According to the Tibetan tradition, his holy dharma name is Drimed Dawa (Stainless Moon) aka Dr. Dean Pielstick.

This person, having been able to act as an outstanding teacher of the worldly arts and sciences with altruistic intent, entered the door of holy dharma in the Tibetan tradition. Having relied upon many holy gurus of the Sakya, Geluk, Kagyu, and Nyingma schools, he was a diligent, helpful Buddhist student especially from the time I came to America and for the six years we lived together. He showed faith while learning the profound sutra and tantra teachings, both kama and terma such as the new terma of Pema Draknak Lingpa etc, receiving empowerment, transmission, and instruction, all three, whatever was explained, as a truly pure and heartfelt student doing his measure of service, the authentic support of what he was given, brightened by having its experience. His unchanging faith in the view, knowledge, and realization of sutra and tantra has the manner of a pandit and the measure of one who is a monk. This being so, because of the benefit to the teaching and to sentient beings, the Secret Mantra Khenpo of the Impartialist Viewpoint Drimed Dawa is hereby consecrated with a name agreeable to its meaning, Drimed Dawa (Stainless Moon), its successful completion ordained by

interdependent origination, from that point of view a benefit for the teaching and living beings made true. Know that it is given for the purpose of lasting, extensive activity of expounding, explaining, meditating upon, and realizing the holy dharma. Know it! Know it! Know it!

The host of elemental forces of the three planes of existence having a place of rest, having relied upon highest cause and effect, the water of permanent bliss will protect good minds from not having a human body whose mode of life supports the leisure to practice. Respectfully offered by Khenchen Lama aka Rinzin Pal Jeapa Dorje on the first day of the first month of the earth mouse year of the 17th cycle, February 25th, 2009, with Tashi Deleks respectfully offered by Shri to the Dharmakirti American Buddhist sangha. Sarvavijayantu! (May All Be Victorious!)

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