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Dear all friends,

Kyabje Namkhai Nyingpo Jigme Pema Trinley Rinpoche's visit to France next August is a most exceptional event. Kyabje Namkhai Nyingpo Rinpoche is renowned for preserving the purity of the Buddha Dharma teaching and practice, particularly in the Vajrayana tradition.

Namkhai Nyingpo Rinpoche came already to Europe. He has been to Australia and once to the United States at the invitation of the Bhutanese community. His activities are mainly in Asia, particularly in Bhutan where his main monastery of Khartchu is located in the sacred region of Bumthang.

This great master from the Nyingmapa tradition, who is very close to Kyabje Zhichen Bairo Rinpoche and Mayumla, is the 7th incarnation of Namkhai Nyingpo, one of Guru Rinpoche's main disciples.

Most of his previous incarnations were born in the Lhodrak region of southern Tibet where, for several generations, they ran the Lodrak Karchu Dudjomling monastery, the former seat of the Lineage. Over the centuries, other great masters such as Drogön Tsangpa Gyaré, Gyalwa Götsangpa and Kunkyen Pema Karpo have also lived in this sacred region of Lhodrak.

My family and I are very fortunate to have a connection with the current 7th Kyabje Namkhai Nyingpo Rinpoche, who has given invaluable advice on the layout of the various statues in our family monastery in Chunkhar, which has just been completed. Kyabje Namkhai Nyingpo Rinpoche has agreed to conduct the inauguration ceremonies, scheduled for February 2025, and has also agreed to take over the management of this monastery in the future.

Recently, I learned about Namkai Nyingpo Rinpoche's wish to visit Paris and certain European countries next summer. I immediately discussed with His Holiness Gyalwang Drukpa the possibility of inviting Kyabje Rinpoche to Plouray to lead a teaching retreat. His Holiness was very enthusiastic about this project and immediately said yes, pointing out that it was an exceptional opportunity for European Sanghas. Encouraged by His Holiness, I invited Kyabje Namkhai Nyingpo Rinpoche to come and give teachings in Plouray from 10 to 16 August.

Kyabje Rinpoche will first be welcomed in Paris by the members of Drukpa Paris. He will then travel to Plouray to give teachings on meditation and on Guru Rinpoche's seven-verse prayer. During this retreat, he will also give the initiation of Yeshe Tsogyal and, a few days later, that of Guru Rinpoche. To thank Kyabje Namkhai Nyingpo Rinpoche for coming to France, we will conclude this retreat with a grand Tsok to Guru Dewa and the offering of the mandala. Kyabje Rinpoche will then continue his tour of Europe, travelling to Monaco and then Switzerland for a private visit.

His Holiness Gyalwang Drukpa is truly delighted that Kyabje Namkai Nyingpo Rinpoche is coming to France. His Holiness added: "This is truly an exceptional event for the Plouray centre. It's important to seize this precious opportunity. It's like a really good meal that comes along only once every 100 years, so we really mustn't miss it!"

I also wish that many of you will attend at Plouray this summer.

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