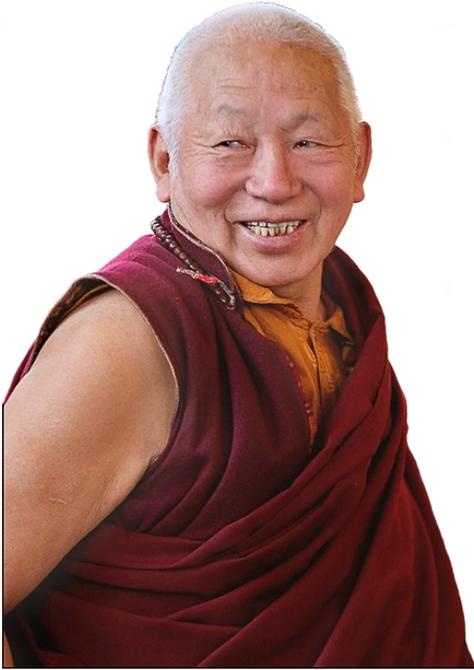


Lama Tønsang er alvorligt syg

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Monchardon centeret har udsendt denne meddelelse:



Information about Lama Teunsang's health

Dear Friend of Montchardon,

We need to inform you of recent news concerning the health of Lama Teunsang.

Showing signs of serious anemia (1), Lama Teunsang was hospitalized on March 8th. His hemoglobin level had dropped significantly. He showed signs of exhaustion – that he himself attributed to the 8 Nyung Ney practice that he had just completed a few weeks earlier. He received a blood transfusion the next day, which quickly invigorated him. The doctors kept him for a few days for observation, to investigate the causes of this anemia.

A gastroscopy and a CT scan were performed, which revealed a lump in the stomach. Lama Teunsang had a biopsy and the result indicated that it was a cancerous tumor. It is still small in size and not metastasized, an early stage which remains curable.

On Tuesday March 26th, a consultation meeting was held, bringing together various doctors and specialists. This is common procedure to discuss the most appropriate solutions for a patient. They assessed Lama Teunsang's case and convened him the next day to inform him of the medical follow-up in his situation. During consultation on March 27th, the doctor confirmed that after surgery to remove the tumor and complementary chemotherapy treatment, this cancer could be cured.

Doctors therefore recommend surgery to remove the tumor, which will probably result in removal of part of the stomach. This is a major surgery, but according to the opinions of several medical friends, it is a routine procedure that yields good results in this situation.

Chemotherapy will then be considered once Lama Teunsang has recovered from surgery.

Lama Teunsang agrees with this solution. He relies on doctors with great confidence. It was his decision, and he expressed it with his usual frankness.

An appointment with the surgeon is already booked for the beginning of April, and surgery should take place in the following weeks.

We inquired about the reputation of the Grenoble clinic where Lama Teunsang will be operated and it is considered excellent in the treatment of similar cases.

As soon as the diagnosis was made, we immediately informed His Holiness Thaye Dorje, the 17th Karmapa. He asked that Samantabhadra's aspiration prayer as well as longevity practices be recited as much and as soon as possible in monasteries and by practitioners.

Immediately, Lama Teunsang's nephew contacted the monasteries in Nepal and India, in particular the monasteries of Lama Sherab Gyaltzen Rinpoche, Shangpa Rinpoche in Pokhara, Sangsang Rinpoche, the drupkangs (3-year retreat centres) of Pharping and Pokhara in Nepal, the various nun monasteries, Rumtek and the 5 surrounding monasteries, Kalimpong, as well as monasteries Nyingmapas and Sakyapas ... so that they would engage in Samantabhadra's aspiration prayer and longevity practices, as well as Tara mantra accumulation. Other monasteries in Tibet are also involved, including the great monastery of Serta in Kham.

In addition, a practice called "tsethar" in Tibetan, literally "to free or save lives", is currently being carried out in Nepal. Regularly practiced in Buddhist culture, it consists in saving the lives of beings which would otherwise be killed (fish, birds, cattle, etc.). According to the law of causality, this practice results in longer life.

This situation will certainly lead to changes in the Montchardon program. We will of course keep you informed as soon as the situation becomes clearer. We told Lama Teunsang that we would write a letter to the members of the Centre; he asks everyone not to worry too much.

The medical situation allows us to hope for a cure. Lama Teunsang, although recovering from an anemia, remains a very strong person, with exceptional energy, vitality and determination to cope with adversity. He keeps his usual dynamism and vitality and never fails to make a daily visit to the construction site. He is not alone but is supported by the wishes of Karmapa, the many Rinpoches, lamas, nuns and monks of the different monasteries who are engaged in accumulation of aspiration prayers, mantras and beneficial practices. And of course, also by your wishes and practices.

Indeed, each of us can participate in these practices of aspiration prayers - such as Samantabhadra's aspiration prayer (2)- or of mantra accumulation, specifically for longevity(3), medicine (Sangye Menla), to dispel obstacles(4)or any other mantra that we are used to.

As soon as we have more news, we will keep you informed. We therefore ask you not to call Montchardon reception desk, which is already extremely busy, to inquire about Lama Teunsang's health. We thank you for your understanding and your support, so that we can ensure that the Centre keeps functioning smoothly during this whole period of time.

Sincerely in the Dharma,

The Montchardon team.

(1)A blood disorder characterized by a decrease in red blood cells causing a state of weakness.

(2)which can be found in French in the "Trésor des prières de souhaits" on page 11b or in English on the following websites:

https://www.karmapa.org/wp-content/uploads/Samantra-Badra-Prayer_2.pdf or
http://www.bodhipath.org/sangcho_monlam/

(3)for instance White Tara, Amitayus, the aspect of Long Life of Guru Rinpoche.

(4)Green Tara, etc.

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