

Congratulatory Message for the Fourth World Buddhist Summit

From Spain, a place which great Buddhist masters have lauded as being an essential point of diffusion of the real Dharma to the West, we send our best wishes and gratitude to all of those who are organizing and sharing this magnificent and sublime Fourth World Buddhist Summit.

As the illustrious and venerable members of the community gathered at this event well know, any phenomenon which may appear can always have several understandings. The Dharma teaches us that when we correctly train ourselves we can make small unfavourable circumstances end up turning into something extremely beneficial.

And this is exactly what we, who are striving to help the Dharma spread through that part of humanity which is called the first world, are trying to do by taking advantage of the moment without, however, losing sight of our limitations.

Our youth regarding the expansion of the Dharma, gives us endless energy to face the different hindrances that any beneficial act entails intrinsically. It gives us freshness in the reading of the Buddha – Dharma message. It breathes into us the necessary potential to carry out the work of being pioneers in the expansion of a tradition with different points of view from those rooted in our western society.

However, we are also aware of the drawbacks brought on by our youth such as the lack of experience, vision, and a rational diffusion of experience which is still unstructured as well as errors due to the lack of expert leaders in the area, the excess of impetus and impatience to obtain visible results, the discrimination as a minority before the native traditions and especially the lack of means with which to carry out the expansion of the doctrine.

It is clear that the opportunity to exchange thoughts with other religious leaders in a gathering of worldwide dimensions is very enriching and productive due to the teachings we receive from your experience and the opportunity to make the Buddhist countries aware of the help they should give us in order to carry out our common objective of expansion. It is well known and laudable that all religious traditions wish to expand their doctrines in the West and that the means employed in doing so are great. In the Buddhist world, however, we are completely bereft of aid and in this way, unlike other traditions, we do not even achieve an important taking of roots in our countries despite the fact that we are one of the main traditions.

I will do all that is in my power to attend the Fourth World Buddhist Summit which will be held in Thailand at the beginning of November, 2005 in order to share our experiences, learn from your maturity and expound on the conditions in which we are in.

With great respect, devotion and gratitude toward all those who make possible such a difficult and complicated event to organize and especially to the alma mater of this event, the Most Venerable Dr. Kyuse Enshinjob, I raise my prayer so that the blessing of the Triple Jewel remain over the organizers, participants and especially all beings without exception before, during and after the congress.

Yours always in the Dharma,

Ven. Lama Jamyang Tashi Dorje Rinpoché

