

## BIOGRAPHY OF VEN. DUNGSE PEMA RANGRIG DORJE RINPOCHE

The Ven. Dungse Pema Rangrig Dorje Rinpoche was born in the Wood-Sheep Year of the Tibetan lunar calendar; as the son of Tsokhang Choktrul Tsewang Dorje Rinpoche and Mayum Tsering Yangzom. He was born into the prominent family line of the great mahasiddha Golok Sertar Rinpoche (Pema Lungtok Gyatso). This line, the Avo-Lishudhakortsang, has a patrilineal clan connection to Thragthung Dudjom Lingpa, and numbers among the “A-Chak-Dru-Sum” clans descended from the greatly realized Nubchen Sangye Yeshe, one of the 25 disciples of Padmasambhava.

Rinpoche spent the first 7 years of his life with his revered grandfather Golok Sertar Rinpoche, who was recognized as an emanation of Yudra Nyingpo, also one of the 25 disciples of Padmashambhava.



Rangrig Rinpoche then spent over 25 years with his father, Tsokhang Choktrul Rinpoche, an emanation of Tsokhang Rinpoche who is a high disciple of Thragthung Dudjom Lingpa. From his father, Rangrig Rinpoche received the Dudjom Tersar Thröma Toeluk of Namkha Khyung Dzong tradition. This includes Thröma Ngondro, Zab Sang Khandro Nyingthig Ngondro (the main Dudjom Lineage Ngondro of the *Profound Secret Heart Essence of the Dakinis*), Thröma Nagmo Practice, Chöd, Phowa, the Nang-Jang of Dudjom Lingpa, TrekChöd, Thögal, and many great teachings. Rinpoche practised in retreat, Drupchen, Dharma Dance, Yoga (Tsalung) and many Dharma activities with his great father. Also during this time he studied at Mindrolling Nyingma College in India for 7 years pursuing higher Nyingmapa education and Buddhist studies. This also allowed Rinpoche to become fluent in many languages including Tibetan, Sanskrit, Indian, and Nepalese.

Rinpoche received all Dudjom lineage and Nyingmapa teachings, empowerments, and initiations from the great Nyingma masters H.H. Dudjom Rinpoche and H.H. Thinley Norbu Rinpoche among others, as well as his own grandfather and father.

Pema Rangrig Dorje Rinpoche is the Lineage Holder of Riwo Tsegya Monastery near Mount Kailash. This monastery was built by his grandfather, Serta Rinpoche, and his father, Tsokhang Choktrul Rinpoche. Rinpoche is also one of the lineage holders of Dudjom Thröma Namkha Khyung Dzong tradition.

With great compassion Rinpoche has founded and leads Dudjom Tersar Thröma<sup>1</sup> Sangha (Canada). With great faith and commitment he is introducing and expanding Dudjom Tersar Thröma<sup>1</sup> Toeluk activities in our country to benefit all sentient beings.

(Note 1: Thröma is short for Thröma Nagmo, also known as the wrathful black vajra yogini.)

**MANGALAM !**