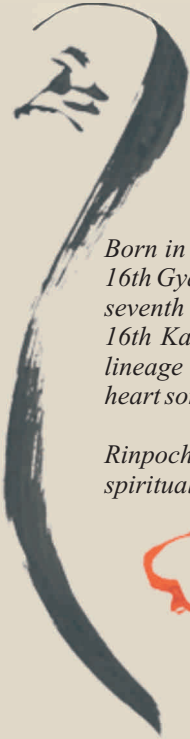




Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche



A leading scholar in the Kagyu and Nyingma schools of Tibetan Buddhism, The Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche is also an accomplished meditation master, calligrapher, visual artist and poet. He travels and teaches widely and is well-versed in Western culture and technology. He is known for his warmth, humor and lucid presentation of Buddhist teachings in a manner relevant to contemporary life

Born in Sikkim, India, Rinpoche was recognized by His Holiness the 16th Gyalwang Karmapa and His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama as the seventh in the line of Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoches. In 1979, HH the 16th Karmapa formally empowered Ponlop Rinpoche as one of the lineage holders of the Karma Kagyu school and proclaimed him his heart son.

Rinpoche founded and directs a number of institutions. He is the spiritual leader and president of Nalandabodhi, a network of meditation centers, study groups, and individuals committed to exploring a path of spiritual practice and discovery rooted in the wisdom teachings of the Kagyu and Nyingma lineages of Tibetan Buddhism. In 1994, he established Nitartha international, a nonprofit education corporation, to assist in the integration of computer technology with traditional Tibetan scholarship. In 1995, he established Nitartha

Institute, a systematic course of Buddhist studies for Western students. Rinpoche has been a visiting professor at Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado, since 1996. Nalanda West, in Seattle, Washington, is the primary seat of The Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche's educational and spiritual activities. His publications include Wild Awakening, Penetrating Wisdom and most recently Mind Beyond Death.



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