



NGESDÖN ÖSEL LING MONASTERY

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To Whom it May Concern,

There were three notable students of the first Tsoknyi Rinpoche, the main one being Tsangyang Gyatso. Together, they founded Gechag Gumpa. Their incarnations were subsequently recognized and they became known as the Three Tulkus of Gechag Gumpa. The present Tulku Wangdrag Rinpoche is one of these three. Born in 1964, he was officially recognized by H.H. Sakya Trizin. I enthroned him as the lineage holder of Gechag Gumpa.

Tulku Wangdrag Rinpoche received his monastic ordination at the age of eighteen from the Mahasiddha Karma Norbu. He studied the five major philosophical subjects: Madhyamaka, Prajnāparamita, Abhidharma, Pramāna and Vinaya, as well as their subsidiary topics at the Dzongzar Shedra (monastic college) in Kham for nine years and obtained the degree of Khenpo. He also studied and practiced Dzogchen and Mahāmudra under learned and accomplished masters like Trachog Khenpo Karma Tsetan, Khenpo Jigme Phuntsok and Mahasiddha Tsejor and many others.

Tulku Wangdrag Rinpoche is sincerely dedicated to the Gechag Gumpa nuns and to the preservation and development of this precious practise tradition.

I urge you to support Tulku Wangdrag Rinpoche and the Gechag Nuns.

Tsoknyi Rinpoche
Abbot Osel Ling Gumpa