



DHAGPO SWITZERLAND

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PREAMBEL

The Buddha's teachings are a millennia-old wisdom that is accessible to all. It invites us to discover our own inner wealth by recognizing and continuously cultivating our capacity for benevolence and discernment.

The values conveyed by Buddhism enable us to live our humanity more fully by taking care of ourselves, others and our environment and acting accordingly. These values provide enriching guidance for life in today's complex and ever-changing societies with their many challenges.

Over the last 2500 years, the teachings of the Buddha have adapted to different cultures as they have spread from country to country. With its teachings (Dharma), which are rational, practical and universal at the same time, Buddhism is above all an attitude to life based on compassion and wisdom. The association "Dhagpo Switzerland" aims to promote and make accessible these timeless and comprehensive values of kindness, compassion and wisdom, together with the methods proposed by the Karma Kagyu School for their realization.

"Dhagpo" is a Tibetan name that refers to a geographical area in Tibet from which one of the founding fathers of the Kagyu lineage, Gampopa (1079-1153), originated.

"Kagyu" is the name of a specific Buddhist school and means "lineage of oral transmission" (of Buddhist teachings and practices). The Kagyu school is one of the four main Buddhist schools established in Tibet.

The association "Dhagpo Switzerland" is affiliated to the "Karma Kagyu School", a sub-branch of the "Kagyu School". Its unbroken lineage of transmission of teachings and practice falls under the responsibility of the Karmapa and Shamarpa incarnation lineages. Today it is headed by the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa, Trinley Thaye Dorje.

The name "Dhagpo Kagyu" was unofficially given to many Buddhist organizations and centers in Europe that follow the "Karma Kagyu School", starting with "Dhagpo Kagyu Ling" in France, the European seat of the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa, Trinley Thaye Dorje. These organizations and centers, as well as the association "Dhagpo Switzerland", are under the direction of the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa, Trinley Thaye Dorje, as well as his European representative, Jigme Rinpoche.

In accordance with Buddha's teachings, the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa shares a vision of peace: peace in the world, peace in people's minds. This vision describes peace as full awareness in which awareness of compassion and wisdom are cultivated and combined. It is a living, awake state in which responsibility is taken for one's own actions. Inner wealth - innate, natural values - are cultivated and balanced with outer, material wealth in a way that benefits all sentient beings.

The Dhagpo Switzerland association supports the realization of this vision of peace through its activities.