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BENCHEN PHUNTSOK DARGYELING MONASTERY
(Incorporated under Society Registration Act. 1977)

EMPOWERMENT POSTPONED

As notified earlier, on 25th August 2018, a request was made of His Eminence Sangyes Nyenpa Rinpoche by the staffs of Benchen Monastic Community to bestow the empowerment of Rinchen Terdzo, which Rinpoche graciously accepted. The empowerment was initially scheduled for this year but due to the dwindling merit of beings, since the early-2019, Rinpoche began to experience complications of his heart, eyes and legs and had to rush to Singapore for prolonged treatment. Although Rinpoche's health has been progressing, doctors strongly advised Rinpoche to take complete rest for at least a year.

Therefore, the staffs suggested that Rinpoche postpone the empowerment until he will be healthy enough to fully resume it. Rinpoche added that one of the crucial requirements of an initiator is the completion of at least the so-called "approach practice" of every single gurus or deities contained in a series of empowerment. Since Rinpoche is yet to complete the personal practices of some of the remaining deities, Rinpoche will engage in those preparatory practices in the meantime. Therefore, the actual empowerment is rescheduled for 7th September 2021, provided that Rinpoche's health remains stable.

So, save the date and stay updated for further information.

From the Office of Benchen Monastic Community

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