

The 29th Kagyu Monlam will be held from 1st – 8th March, 2012, in Bodh Gaya.

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The 17th Gyalwang Karmapa and other high lamas will preside over an assembly of thousands of monks, nuns and lay devotees to pray for the well-being of the world and for all sentient beings to be touched by the wisdom, compassion and power of the buddhas and bodhisattvas.

Gyalwang Karmapa will give a public teaching connected with the practice of Buddha Akshobhya (Tibetan: Mitrukpa) and Buddha Amitabha. His Holiness will also give oral instructions on different meditations, and will give a commentary each day on one of the specific prayers for that day. In addition, there will be prayers recited for the well-being of Tibet.

The Medicine Buddha Ritual, and Tara, Guru Rinpoche and other prayers will be recited for the benefit of the living, and the Akshobhya Ritual and Fire Ritual will be offered for those who have passed away. For the benefit of both the living and the deceased, there will be a complete reading of the Kangyur, a special long-life puja in relation to the Sixteen Arhats ritual, an alms procession, a sutric tradition Guru Puja with distribution of tsog, and the Lamp Prayer.

## **The 29th Kagyu Monlam Schedule**

### **Teachings on the Vajradhara Lineage Prayer**

**February 26–28, 2012**

**Location: Tergar Monastery Main Shrine**

**For: Dharma students from Himalayan regions and abroad**

**Session I : Sunday, February 26, 9:00–11:00 am**

**Session II : Monday, February 27, 9:00–11:00 am**

**Session III : Tuesday, February 28, 9:00–11:00 am**

### **Advice for Karma Kamtsang Monks and Nuns**

**February 26–28, 2012**

**Location: Tergar Monastery Main Shrine**

**For: Monks and nuns with monastic registration cards**

**Session I : Sunday, February 26, 3:00–5:00 pm**

**Session II : Monday, February 27, 3:00–5:00 pm**

**Session III : Tuesday, February 28, 3:00–5:00 pm**

## Kagyü Monlam Schedule

**March 1–8, 2012**

**Day 1: Thursday, March 1, Location: Mahabodhi Temple**

<b>I</b>	<b>5:30–8:00 am</b>	Sojong vows, Twenty-Branch Monlam
<b>II</b>	<b>8:30–10:30 am</b>	Teachings on the Pure Realms to the East and West
<b>III</b>	<b>2:00–3:30 pm</b>	King of Aspirations, Maitreya's Aspiration
<b>IV</b>	<b>4:00–5:30 pm</b>	The Twenty-Branch Monlam

**Day 2: Friday, March 2, Location: Mahabodhi Temple**

<b>I</b>	<b>5:30–8:00 am</b>	Sojong vows, Twenty-Branch Monlam
<b>II</b>	<b>8:30–10:30 am</b>	Teachings on the Pure Realms to the East and West
<b>III</b>	<b>2:00–3:30 pm</b>	King of Aspirations, Aspiration from The Way of the Bodhisattva
<b>IV</b>	<b>4:00–5:30 pm</b>	The Twenty-Branch Monlam

**Day 3: Saturday, March 3, Location: Mahabodhi Temple**

<b>I</b>	<b>5:30–8:00 am</b>	Sojong vows, Twenty-Branch Monlam
<b>II</b>	<b>8:30–10:30 am</b>	Teachings on the Pure Realms to the East and West
<b>III</b>	<b>2:00–3:30 pm</b>	King of Aspirations, Sukhavati Prayer
<b>IV</b>	<b>4:00–5:30 pm</b>	The Twenty-Branch Monlam

**Day 4: Sunday, March 4, Location: Mahabodhi Temple**

I	5:30–8:00 am	Sojong vows, Twenty-Branch Monlam
II	8:30–10:30 am	Teachings on the Pure Realms to the East and West
III	2:00–3:30 pm	Removal of Obstacles: Praises of Tara and Saraswati
IV	4:00–5:30 pm	The Twenty-Branch Monlam

**Day 5: Monday, March 5, Location: Mahabodhi Temple**

I	5:30–8:00 am	Sojong vows, Twenty-Branch Monlam
II	8:30–10:30 am	Akshobhya and Amitabha Empowerments
III	2:00–3:30 pm	Removal of Obstacles: Prayers to Guru Rinpoche
IV	4:00–5:30 pm	The Twenty-Branch Monlam

**Day 6: Tuesday, March 6, Location: Mahabodhi Temple**

I	5:30–7:30 am	Sojong vows & Medicine Buddha puja
	7:30 am	Kangyur Procession
II	8:30–10:30 am	Kangyur Reading
III	2:00–3:30 pm	Prayers for the Well-Being of Tibet
IV	4:00–5:30 pm	The Twenty-Branch Monlam

**Day 7: Wednesday, March 7, Location: Mahabodhi Temple**

I	5:30–7:30 am	Sojong vows & Twenty-Branch Monlam
II	8:00–9:30 am	Akshobhya Ritual
	9:30–11:00 am	Alms Procession
III	2:00–3:30 pm	Akshobhya ritual and Dharani Sutra
IV	4:00–5:30 pm	The Twenty-Branch Monlam
	8:00 pm	Akshobhya Purification Ritual

**Day 8: Thursday, March 8, Location: Monlam Pavilion**

	<b>4:00 am</b>	Fifteenth-day Sojong (Ordained sangha only)
<b>I</b>	<b>5:30–8:00 am</b>	Sojong vows, Kenting Tai Situ Rinpoche & Gyaltsap Rinpoche Long Life Ceremony, and the Sixteen Elders puja
<b>II</b>	<b>8:30–10:30 am</b>	Offerings to the Gurus
<b>III</b>	<b>1:30–3:00 pm</b>	Offerings to the Gurus
<b>IV</b>	<b>3:30–5:30 pm</b>	Sponsor Appreciation and Special Address
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Marme Monlam (Lamp Prayer)

**Any changes in the Schedule will be announced at the Monlam.**

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