

Opening Address by Jim Scott

On this auspicious occasion of Rinpoche's 87th birthday celebration,

- We salute the precious guru through whose guidance excellence and wellbeing flourish.
- We prostrate to the precious guru who illuminates the teachings of all three vehicles.
- We pay homage to the precious guru who manifests the path of the progressive stages of meditation on emptiness, thus demonstrating the true meaning of freedom from self; the exact sense of non-dual awareness; the freedom from elaborations that is emptiness; and the freedom from elaborations that is ever-present wisdom awareness.
- We find refuge in the precious guru who, in guiding us through the preliminary practices and actual enactment of Mahamudra, reveals the very nature of our own mind, bliss-emptiness inseparable.
- We find refuge in the precious guru who manifests Dzogchen, great perfection, awareness beyond mind.

Our Guru is so inconceivably kind; may we be able to follow in his footsteps.

And now, with joyful hearts, all of us students gathered here from all ten directions would like to offer our Guru profound songs he has so kindly taught us.

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