



The 17th Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje

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It is my pleasure to share with all of you the good news that one of the main tasks of KIBS was accomplished today under my supervision: legalizing and upgrading KIBI's Buddhist study program, so that from now on KIBI students will be able to receive academic degrees. I was pleased to witness the finalization of the agreement of collaboration between *Karmapa International Buddhist Institute (KIBI)* and *Mewar University*. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two institutions was signed today at my office in New Delhi. Thus, KIBI's academic program will be upgraded to a degree program, in accordance with the requirements of today's modern world.

I am confident that the upcoming Buddhist study program, in collaboration with *Mewar University*, will benefit many students, especially those who wish to pursue in-depth studies of Buddhism at the very place of its birth, as well as become acquainted with the languages related to the Buddha dharma, thus serving as so many gateways to Buddhism. For those who are interested, please refer to www.kibsociety.org for the course details, registration procedures etc. You may also inquire about the KIBI course by sending an email to infokibi@kibsociety.org.

I would like to congratulate all KIBI faculty members and students on their relentless efforts to make my dreams come true. I am convinced that participating in KIBI's study program will make a contribution towards spreading the Buddha dharma in all directions.

Last but not least, I would like to offer my best wishes for the successful running of KIBI's upcoming degree program in collaboration with Mewar University, and for the further development of KIBS' charitable activities.

With prayers,

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