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For the immeasurable benefit of sentient beings, the mahasiddha Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche spread far and wide the Mahayana teachings of emptiness and compassion and the Vajrayana teachings of faith and pure vision.

Today, Trungpa Rinpoche's enlightened activity as a teacher of the genuine Dharma lives on in his two Dharma heirs: the son of his enlightened body, enlightened speech, and enlightened mind, Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche; and Mr. Patrick Sweeney, who holds the lineage that Trungpa Rinpoche passed in a complete and perfect way to his own Vajra Regent, Ösel Tendzin, who in turn passed it on to Mr. Sweeney in a complete and perfect way.

Now, the Sakyong, Mr. Sweeney, and their Sangha organizations of Shambhala and Satdharma have pledged themselves to practice the genuine Dharma together in the Mandala of Shambhala, the mandala that is the radiance of Trungpa Rinpoche's realization of equality and original purity and the brilliance of his nonreferential and unbiased compassion. This is an amazingly auspicious connection that will benefit the Buddha's teachings and sentient beings for generations and generations to come. I deeply rejoice in this event, and it is worthy for all who have faith in Trungpa Rinpoche and his teachings to do the same.

Whenever disharmony is followed by harmony, that harmony is strong, long-lasting, and pure. Whenever contradiction is brought under the clear gaze of wisdom realizing equality and original purity, it self-liberates into spaciousness and openness that is filled with joy and love. Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche and Vajra Regent Ösel Tendzin demonstrated this path to their fortunate disciples, and now Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche and Patrick Sweeney are demonstrating it once again. I pray that all students have the courage, love, wisdom, and faith to follow their shining example, for the great benefit of themselves and all sentient beings.

May virtue and excellence increase!

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