



## SATDHARMA

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Dear Rinpoche,

On behalf of myself and the entire Satdharma community, thank you for coming to Ojai and spending time with us on May 28 and 29, 2005. The process of communication and friendship that has ensued since your visit to Ojai and Pullahari in December has been nothing short of amazing.

Having the opportunity to fully visualize with you the possibility of all of the Druk Sakyong's students existing once again within one wisdom mandala, and to be able to envision transcending the negativity of the past 15 years, is deeply inspiring to me. I have already begun the process of ensuring that the spirit of our sangha organization is in alignment with the vision of Buddhadharma and Shambhala dharma that you shared with me in the course of our conversations. On a very personal level, being able to prostrate to you as the Sakyong with a full heart during the ceremony in Ojai has intensified a quality of living connection to the Vidyadhara's teachings that remains palpable.

The Ojai community has been deeply touched by your courage in taking this step as a friend, as a teacher, as the Sakyong, and as the spiritual leader of Shambhala. In conjunction with the Board of Satdharma, I would like to express our appreciation for your blessings in acknowledging what has been accomplished through your visits.

It is clear both to myself and the Board of Satdharma that there is a great deal of longing in the extended community to understand exactly what was accomplished at our May 29 Community Gathering. We have prepared our website to honor and report this event. It is designed to clearly inform the members of our community who were unable to attend the event, as well as the members of the larger Shambhala community whose heart connection to the Vidyadhara's life and work, and the life and work of the Vajra Regent, continues to sustain their spiritual life.

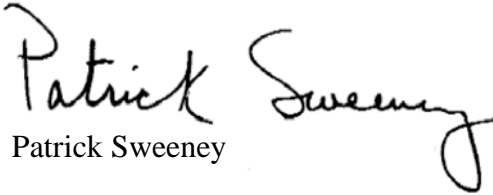
I understand that Lady Diana, as the Druk Sakyong Wangmo, has requested time to consider further this heartening development. With respect, and in the spirit of honoring her lifelong commitment to the Vidyadhara's work, we are pleased to offer to her our good wishes as well as our appreciation for her perspective and feedback in this next

phase of our work together. Her insight into the difficulties of the past will assist our efforts to bring a deeper level of harmony and peace to our communities. Through this, her capacity as Sakyong Wangmo to harvest peace will be realized for the benefit of the greater sangha. While we all appreciated very much the efforts made by President Reoch to confirm the many points on which we are in agreement in his letter of 29 May, I want to assure you and Lady Diana that my intention is to work with you both to further refine our mutual understanding so as to enhance this process of reconciliation and harmony.

In addition, I look forward to working on the programs we contemplated so as to enable the Shambhala sangha to deeply listen to each other and, in that way, to bring intelligence and compassion to the process of creating a more unified and harmonious mandala.

I look forward to attending the Rigden Abhisheka in August, to sharing in the joyful celebration of your marriage, and to attending the Vajrayogini Abhisheka at Dorje Denma Ling.

As always, I remain your friend and subject,

  
Patrick Sweeney