



## KYABJE GARCHEN RINPOCHE BIOGRAPHY PROJECT

The Project to record the official biography of His Eminence Garchen Rinpoche began in early 2003, during which time Garchen Rinpoche granted unprecedented access to the intimate details of his life in a series of interviews conducted by his disciple Sue-Sue Luu (Tib. Konchog Jimpa Lhamo).

The archive of recordings has since grown to 180 hours and is still expanding. The majority of these recordings have been transcribed and are used to provide supporting details. H.E. Garchen Rinpoche's Biography will be published in three parts. Book ONE, which covers the period from birth until the time he escaped from his monastery, will be published in 2012. As samples of her writing, the author has published Chapters 1, 2 and 9 of Book ONE—these can be found on the Project website. Translations of the biography into Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish and Russian are currently in progress. The Project eventually plans to publish the archive of recordings, transcripts and photos as an interactive DVD.

With gratitude, the author also acknowledges the time and talent of volunteers who have assisted in editing, website development, translation, transcribing, graphic design and photography, and all those who have otherwise helped support the Project.



*His Eminence D. K. Garchen Rinpoche*

Sue-Sue,

For any disciple to write about the life stories of his or her lama, that is like being directly connected to the lama's body, speech and mind. Now that you are working on this book, there is this karmic connection between us. So the dream that you had is clearly a premonition.

It is not like after I die, I want to gain some fame from having a book published about me. Everything that I have shared with you about my life, the joy as well as the suffering, is all about the infallible law of karma, all about the Dharma. I only want to speak the Dharma to benefit all beings, and so you are making it possible through this work. I know that you are writing this book with great love, and this is why many people will appreciate it. When people read my stories, may thoughts of **love, compassion** and an **understanding of Dharma** arise in their mindstreams!

I know that you have engaged in many hardships working on the book since 2003 but I am extremely happy that you are recording my life stories for the benefit of others.

*Garchen Rinpoche, Konchog Gyaltzen*  
December 15, 2008

*The background image is Garchen Rinpoche's enlarged signature.*



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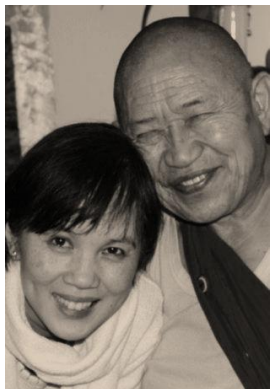
Through the years, the author has devoted her time and effort to the Project without seeking financial sponsorship. However, she was able to dedicate only part of her time, struggling between her regular work, family and other Dharma commitments, including hosting H.E. Garchen Rinpoche and Tibetan lamas at teaching events and volunteering her service as a Vietnamese translator.

With the aspiration to have this Biography Project completed as soon as possible while H.E. Garchen Rinpoche is still living, the author is now seeking support in the form of a "Writing Grant" in order to dedicate herself full-time to the Project. The writing grant budget will include a stipend for the author, offerings to editors and translators, printing costs, writing retreats, research, travel costs and other Project-related expenses.



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### About The Author

*Sue-Sue Luu* (also known as *Tâm Bảo Đàn*) was born in Vietnam and migrated to the U.S. in 1975 at the age of thirteen. She met her heart-teacher Garchen Rinpoche in Maryland in 1999 and has hosted him and other Tibetan lamas for teaching events since then. Inspired by Rinpoche's boundless love and his extraordinary life of suffering and complete transformation, she undertook his *Biography Project* in 2003 to help preserve his stories, wisdom and compassion for future generations.

She has served as a Vietnamese translator to many great masters, including H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama, H.H. Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche, H.H. the 17th Karmapa, H.E. Garchen Rinpoche and many other teachers from all four lineages of Tibetan Buddhism. She has translated and published Dharma texts and teachings into Vietnamese since 2004. In 2006, she founded the Viet Nalanda Foundation, an international network for Vietnamese Vajrayana Buddhists. In 2010, thirty-five years after leaving her homeland, she organized and accompanied Garchen Rinpoche on his first visit to Vietnam. She now lives in Irvine, California, with her family.



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