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Speaking about the Southwest Buddhafield Endowment Fund

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*Rinpoche made the following remarks immediately following the Buddha Shakyamuni Empowerment.*

I have something to say regarding this center, and my wish for the center to remain and be stable. It is due to the great donors we have had, the patrons, and their generosity that the center has turned out well. It is the disciples' intention for the center to remain in the future. It is our great hope for the center to remain in the future, and for that reason we have established the Endowment Fund, which will secure the future of the center. And so therefore it becomes very precious.

Many disciples who come here, come to engage in retreat practice. Whatever practices we conduct here, it is in accordance with the laws and guidelines of this country. We do not transgress these guidelines. The Endowment Fund will be of great benefit to the center and therefore to the country.

Of the people who come here, some lack any funds and they come here to only engage in Dharma practice, and some do have funds or finances. If you do have perfect finances, that is due to the generosity you have practiced in past lifetimes, and you continue to lay the seeds of generosity.

Some who do have funds should support these purposes, these projects. And those who lack finances, should not worry about that, but the greatest offering is to engage in Dharma practice. So, if you yourself do not have any funds, but if you know any people, any acquaintances in this country, or anywhere in the world (who do possess funds), please consider the benefit of the center.

After I have died, I have great hopes that the center will remain with great stability. If we have put our heart to it, if we have practiced the virtue of offering to the center, then later on, after we have died, wherever our consciousness goes within the six realms of samsara, we will always receive the fruition of the seeds of virtue that we have sown.

So those who possess funds, consider the center, and those who do not possess the funds, you should focus on your practice. But, if you give rise to this beneficial intention only, the results, the benefits, are inconceivable.

Donors have also offered this Kilaya thangka here, and this Tara thangka, for the sake of the Endowment Fund, and this also is a great merit.

The Endowment Fund is of the greatest benefit amongst all benefits in order to secure the center to become stable and to remain in the future. And for that reason I am making personal offerings of whatever I possess to the Endowment Fund, with great hopes that the center will remain in the future.

My greatest possession is my watch, and I have offered that also to the Endowment Fund. I have nothing that is more valuable than my watch!

The Endowment Fund is extremely precious. If the center can remain in the future, then the country and all the people here will be benefited.