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DIAMOND WAY BUDDHISM

KARMA KAGYU LINEAGE





This issue is dedicated to the annual winter tour of
Lama Ole Nydahl and his friends through Russia.

This year it lasted from February 27 to March 19
and included: Vladivostok, Khabarovsk, Ulan-Ude,
Irkutsk, Krasnoyarsk, Novosibirsk,
Chelyabinsk, Magnitogorsk, Togliatti,
Nizhny Novgorod, Moscow.






















The first Ole's visit to Vladivostok took place in winter 1992. At that time he gave his first lecture in the Museum of Regional Studies and had the first contact with the people who later gave start to the Buddhist Center.





In the middle of the 90s, in downtown Vladivostok at the altitude of 400 meters a place was found, which over the period of 10 years has become one of the largest Russian Karma Kagyu Centers.

















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The members of the winter tour attain the ability to sleep in any conditions.



During the visit to Ivolginsky Datsan located 40 km from Ulan-Ude, Lama Ole met Hambo-lama Ayusheev, the head of the Traditional Buddhist Sangha In Russia, the 25th Hambo-lama. They were talking about the development of Buddhism in Russia and in the world. After the meeting Lama Ole and all men from the travelling group were allowed to get the blessing from incorruptible body of Hambu-lama Itigelov, the cells of which remain alive for more than 70 years after his death.











The Diamond Way Buddhist Center history started in January 1994. In 1995 the Department of Justice of Buryatia registered the Buddhist Center named "Karma Che Ling". In 2002, the city's administration granted 1679 sq.m. of land designated for construction, where since autumn 2004 the first lay Buddhist Center in a traditional Buryat environment is being built.



The project is not finished yet, but the interior part of the building is already functioning as a place for friends to meet and meditate as well as to hold lectures and Buddhist courses.















Winter In Russia lasts over 6 months.
Temperatures vary from -30 to +5
(or +35 in a train), water temperature
can fall below zero.
The thilness of snow cover
is more than one meter.









During the train ride from Khabarovsk to Ulan-Ude, which was lasting 40 hours, a 24-hour meditation on Loving Eyes was held. Together we did 2 500 000 OM MANI PEME HUNG mantras.















IRKUTSK



In 1991, Lama Ole and Lopon Tsechu Rinpoche gave their blessing to found a Buddhist Center in Irkutsk; it was given the name "Karma Dargye Ling", which is translated from Tibetan as "The Place of the Karma Kagyu Young Growth".

In 1999 a building for the Center was bought. It used to be a kindergarten, but was reconstructed later.

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Winter Tour

- VLADIVOSTOK
- Khabarovsk
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- Irkutsk
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- Novosibirsk
- Chelyabinsk
- Magnitogorsk
- Tomsk
- Nizhny Novgorod









First Winter Tour was held 12 years ago and since then it's held annually. Since the time of the Buddha the best way to get teachings for us is to travel with Lama.

Within 3 weeks winter tour covers 10-15 cities with 2 or 3 hundred travellers.


On 10 trains
in 22 days
we passed 13 cities
changing 63 coaches.
We were 251 travellers
and took 2340 places in trains.
We made over 9000 km.
Ole gave 19 lectures
where 10 000 people attended.
More than 2000 took refuge.
During more than 55 hours of lectures Ole answered
to more than 300 questions.
During the tour 3 new centers were opened.










 Argentina

 Ukraine

 Russia

 Germany

 Hungary

There were friends from:
Austria, UK, Argentina,
Belarus, Hungary, Germany,
Denmark, Israel, Ukraine,
Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania,
Poland, Russia, USA, Uruguay,
France, Czech Republic,
Switzerland

A WINTER TOUR TRAVELLER NEEDS:

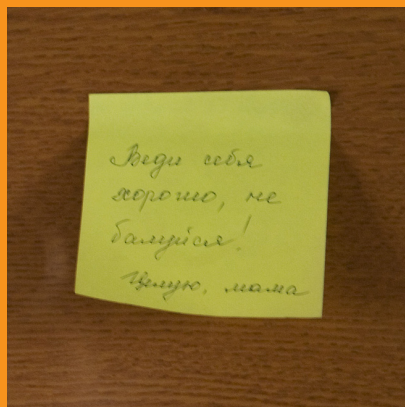
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T-shirt
Three-edged conductor's wrench
Trousers
Socks
Soap Bubble (the union of emtyness and bliss)
Pullover
Warm jacket
Sense of humour
Confidence in space
Spirit (for medical purposes)
Instant noodles
Mommy's credit card
Head

...AND DEFINITELY SHOULD LEAVE AT HOME:

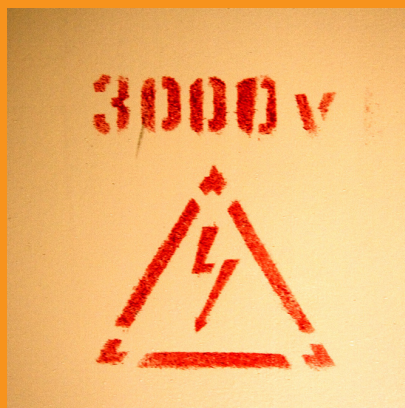
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Wife
Testament
Pyjamas
Pets
Plants
Habit of making plans
Expectations and fears
Someone else's advices







** Behave,
don't fool!
Kisses, Mom*







"Every year we stop at Baikal lake, and almost all of the group jump into Baikal a couple of times. This is very good to keep fit. Winters here are very beautiful: a lot of snow, white trees. Psychologically it opens a lot in the subconsciousness."
Lama Ole Nydahl





















In early 90s a Buddhist Center was founded in Krasnoyarsk. Lama Ole Nydahl gave the Center the name "Karma Kunzang Dorje Ling". This is the new building of the Krasnoyarsk Buddhist Center.











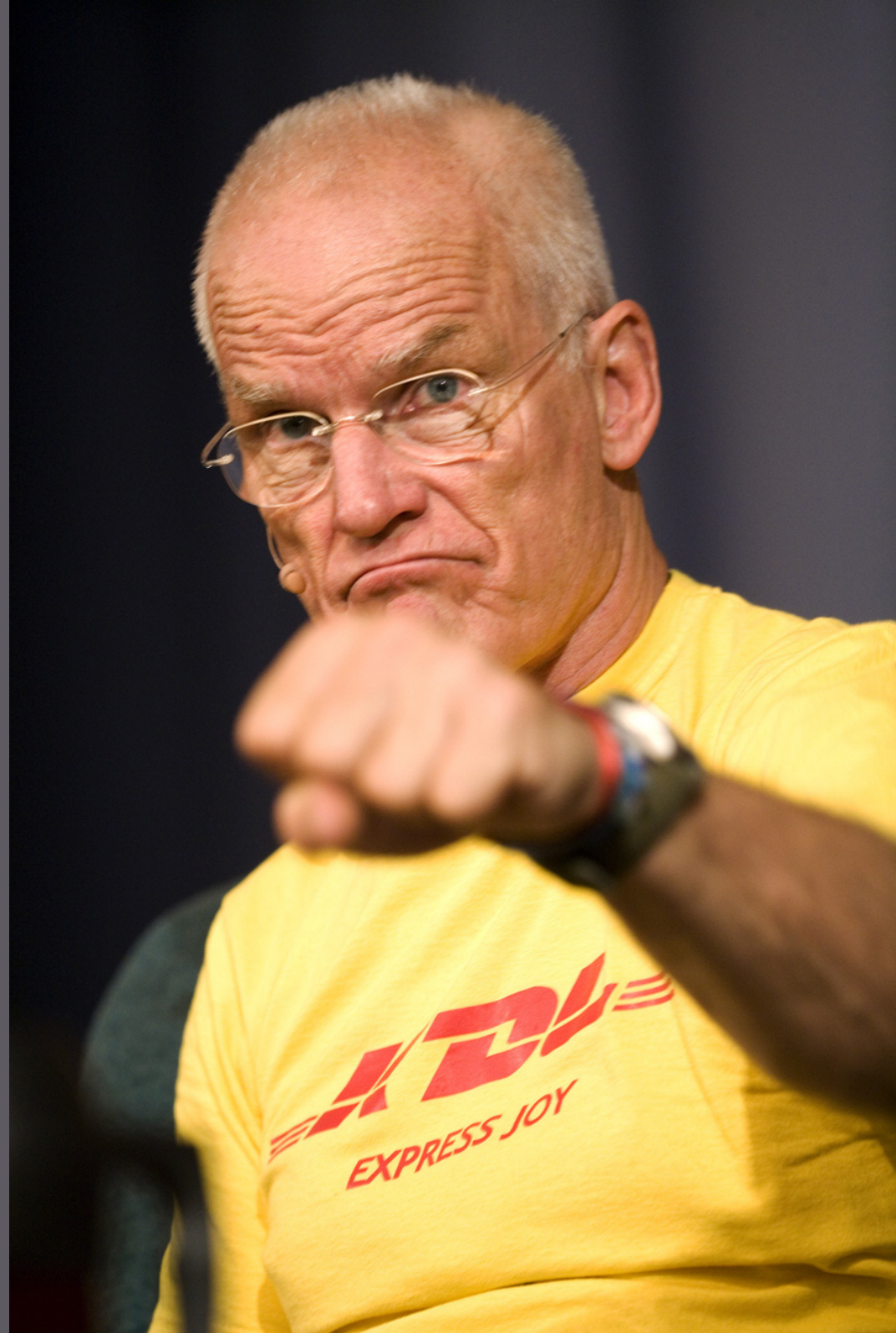








This wrestling gym was rented in Novosibirsk for the winter tour travellers to overnight.







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■ NIZHNY NOVGOROD



In Nizhny Novgorod, renovation of the new center was finished by Lama Ole's visit. Ole also took part in improving the plot and sawed down the biggest tree in the yard, afterwards he inaugurated the new gompā.







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In 1969 Ole Nydahl and his wife Hannah met the 16th Gyalwa Karmapa, historically the first incarnate lama of Tibet. Since then the teachings of Diamond Way Buddhism have gradually found their way to the West. His Holiness asked them to teach, establish meditation centres and ensure that the teachings would remain alive and attractive to intelligent, critical, lay people in the Western world.

There is 572 lay Diamond Way Buddhist centers of the Karma Kagyu school founded and directed by Lama Ole Nydahl. They are under the spiritual guidance of H.H. the 17th Karmapa Trinlay Thaye Dorje. Diamond Way Buddhist centers have a democratic structure and function through unpaid, voluntary work on the basis of friendship and idealism. The members share the responsibility for guiding meditations, answering questions, and giving teachings. Lama Ole has also empowered more than 40 of his students to travel and teach Buddhism.

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