Dear Dhamma Brothers and Sisters,

It is with profound and heartfelt sorrow that we have received the news about the sudden demise of the **His Eminence Master Karma Tanpai Gyaltshen Rinpoche**, Founder, Royal White Monastery and Institute for Religious Studies, Kathmandu, Nepal. Karma Tanpai Gyaltshen Rinpoche was born in Tibet, and at the age of six accompanied his parents to Nepal, where he received empowerments and teachings from His Excellency the First Drubising Rinpoche and other teachers. In 1969, at a young age, Karma Tanpai Gyaltshen Rinpoche joined Sanskrit University in Varanasi, India, where he studied Buddhist, Hindu and other religious philosophies and teachings for 10 years.

His Eminence Master Karma Tanpai Gyaltshen Rinpoche founded the Royal White Monastery and Institute for Religious Studies in Kathmandu, Nepal, providing refuge and education to hundreds of monks, nuns, and lay students from around the world.

His Eminence Master Karma Tanpai Gyaltshen Rinpoche was an eminent Buddhist scholar. With his passing away, the entire Buddhist World has lost an exemplary Dhamma leader.

Once again, on behalf of all IBC members and myself, I wish to express our condolences and prayers to all the members Royal White Monastery and Institute for Religious Studies.

May His Eminence attain the supreme Bliss of *Nibbāna*!

In grief,

Ven. Dr. Dhammapiya
Secretary General, IBC