

FOREWORD

The study materials which comprise *Introduction to Tibetan Language* (Level I) have been developed specifically to facilitate learning to read Tibetan (*U-chen* script). This forms the first part of a course of study in the Classical Tibetan language as taught under the auspices of the Tibetan Language Institute, a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the study of the language and literature of Tibet. The Institute was founded on the belief that Tibetan language study is essential for the preservation of Tibetan culture. These study materials represent a distillation of numerous resources, refined through practical teaching experience to meet the pedagogical needs of Tibetan language teachers and their beginning students. It is our sincere wish that these efforts will help establish a solid foundation for learning Tibetan and contribute to a deepening study of the language and culture of Tibet.

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