

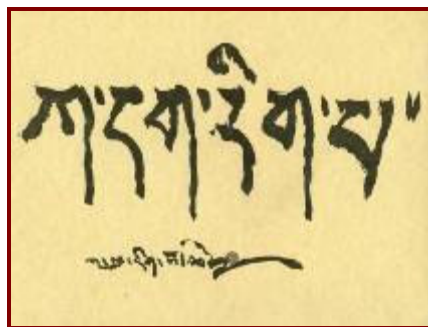
HIS EMINENCE KALU RINPOCHE (1905-1989)



Kalu Rinpoche's life and work have been an inspiration to people throughout the world. He was born in Tibet in 1905 and passed the early part of his life learning Buddhist philosophy and meditation from the greatest teachers of his day. He gained mastery of their instructions through many years of meditation in retreat: first a traditional three-year retreat, then a period of twelve years spent in caves and remote places in the Tibetan Himalayas. Upon leaving Tibet during the 1950's, Rinpoche worked tirelessly, responding to the requests of others for guidance in their spiritual lives. He first taught in Bhutan and India, and then was instrumental in spreading the teachings of Tibetan Buddhism to all corners of the world. Speaking only Tibetan, he nevertheless touched people of all languages by his active concern for their welfare, and he became a true citizen of the world. He was a respected teacher of many, including H.H. the Fourteenth Dalai Lama.

Rinpoche is the inspiration behind the *Tibetan Language Institute*, for it was under Rinpoche's spiritual guidance and blessing that David Curtis (founder and president) completed the traditional three-year retreat.

Rinpoche passed away in 1989, dying as he had lived, with a perfectly calm and clear mind in the radiant peace of meditation.



Ka Dag Rigpa: Primordial Awareness
An example of H.E. Kalu Rinpoche's writing in his later years.