

Program for the 800th Maha Parinirvana of Lord Jigten Sumgon offering event.

First Day (October 19, 2017)

9:00 am -VIP guest reception through Traditional Tibetan opera troupe, Lion Dance, and traditional reception and entrance to the main event tent. All participants shall assemble in the venue tent before the welcome event.

9:05 am - The event starts with the lighting of the lamps by His Holiness The 17th Gyalwang Karmapa, His Holiness The 37th Drikung Kyabgon, President of the CTA Dr. Lobsang Senge, His Excellency the Governor of the State and other honourable guests.

9:10 am - Traditional Performance of Tiger, Lion, Garuda and Dragon by Drikung Kagyu Institute monks.

9:15 am -After all the guests are seated, monks and nuns chant the Sutra of the Three Jewels in Sanskrit.

9:20 am - Welcome speech by Chöje Ayang Rinpoche, while traditional tea and rice are served.

9:30 am - Flower offerings to the Shrine by representatives from Tibet and the Himalayas and from Western countries.

9:40 am - Brief introduction to the life story of Lord Jigten Sumgön By Khenchen Konchok Gyaltsen in Tibetan.

9:55 am - Brief introduction to the 800th anniversary commemoration by Khenchen Nubpa Rinpoche.

10:05 am - Sixteen monks sing the Supplication to Lord Jigten Sumgon.

10:15 am - Introduction ceremony for new books translated into various languages.

10:25 am - Speech by H.E. Garchen Rinpoche.

10:35 am - Speech by Guest of Honour, The President of the Central Tibetan Administration Dr. Lobsang Sangay.

10:50 am - Speech by Guest of Honour, His Excellency the Governor of State, Dr. Krishan Kant Paul.

11:00 am - Speech by Guest of Honour, His Holiness The 37th Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche.

11:15 am - Speech by the Chief Guest, His Holiness the 17th Gyalwang Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje.

11:30 am - Thank you speech by Khenchen Nyima Gyaltsen

11:40 am – Lunch will be served.

02:00 pm - Inauguration of the Memorial Pillar.

03:00 pm -The assembly of monks and nuns chant vajra songs of past Kagyu masters.

03:30 pm - Traditional Kusali Chod performance by lay practitioners.

04:00 pm - Students sing Vajra songs of past Kagyu masters.

06:00 pm - Dinner will be served.

07:00 pm - Stage performance on the life of Lord Jigten Sumgon.

08:30 pm–Closing of the First Day

Second Day (October 20, 2017)

7:00am to 8:30 am – Breakfast

9:00 am to 10:30 am – Performance of Lama Dance

10:30 am to 11:00 am – Break

11:00 am to 12:30 pm – Performance of Lama Dance

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm – Lunch Break

2:30 pm to 4:00 pm – Cloud of offerings of dharma exposition, composition, and debate.

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm – Break

4:30 pm to 5:30 pm – Cloud of offerings of dharma exposition, composition, and debate

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm – Dinner

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm – Stage performance on the life of Lord Jigten Sumgon

Third Day (October 21, 2017)

7:00 am to 8:30 am – Breakfast

9:00 am to 10:30 am – His Holiness the Drikung Kyabgön Chetsang will bestow the empowerment of the Guru Yoga called “Indestructible Bliss” (Dewai Dorje)

10:30 am to 11:00 am – Break

11:00 am to 12:30 pm – His Holiness the Drikung Kyabgön Chetsang continues the empowerment

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm – Lunch Break

2:30 pm to 3:45 pm – His Holiness continues to bestow the empowerment

3:45 pm to 4:15 pm – Break

4:15 pm to 5:30 pm – His Holiness concludes the empowerment

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm – Dinner

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm – Stage performance on the life story of Achi Chökyi Drölma

Fourth Day (October 22, 2017)

7:00 am to 8:30 am – Breakfast

9:00 am to 10:30 am – His Holiness Drikung Kyabgön Chetsang will give teachings on the Guru Yoga called Indestructible Bliss (Dewai Dorje)

10:30 am to 11:00 am – Break

11:00 am to 12:30 pm – His Holiness continues teachings on “Indestructible Bliss”

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm – Lunch

2:30 pm to 4:00 pm – Cloud of offerings of dharma exposition, composition, and debate

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm – Break

4:30 pm to 5:30 pm – Cloud of offerings of dharma exposition, composition, and debate

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Dinner

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm – Stage performance on the life story of Achi Chökyi Drölma

Fifth Day (October 23, 2017)

7:00 am to 8:30 am – Breakfast

9:00 am to 10:30 am – Ordination ceremony

10:30 am to 11:00 am – Break

11:00 am to 12:30 pm – Ordination ceremony

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm – Lunch

2:30 pm to 5:30 pm – All participants divide into three groups and distribute medicine and food and clean the environment

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Dinner

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm – A film about the protection and preservation of the environment will be shown

Sixth Day (October 24, 2017)

7:00 am to 8:30 am – Breakfast

9:00 am to 10:30 am – Lama Chöpa and Feast Offering of the Hundred Thousand

10:30 am to 11:00 am – Break

11:00 am to 12:30 pm – Lama Chöpa and Feast Offering of the Hundred Thousand

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm – Lunch

2:30 pm to 3:45 pm – Lama Chöpa and Feast Offering of the Hundred Thousand

3:45 pm to 4:15 – Break

4:15 pm to 5:45 pm – Presentation of certificates to those who have completed studies, retreats and ritual training

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Dinner

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm – Lamp offerings for world peace

Seventh Day (October 25, 2017)

7:00 am to 8:30 am – Breakfast

9:00 am to 10:30 am – Grand Long-Life Mandala Offering

10:30 am to 11:00 am – Break

11:00 am to 12:30 pm – Continuation of Grand Long-Life Mandala Offering

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm – Lunch

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm –Mandala Offering to His Holiness and receiving of blessings

4:30 pm to 5:30 pm – Various Thank-You presentations concluding with thanks, from The Office of His Holiness to special sponsors

5:30 pm to 6:00 pm – Conclusion with Auspicious Prayers with Shower of Flowers

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm – Dinner