



SHAMBHALA  
THE KALAPA COURT

AFFIRMATION  
ZENKO KYUDOJO AND SHAMBHALA

Twenty-five years ago two great lineages met in the persons of the Venerable Kanjuro Shibata XX and Vidyadhara the Venerable Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche. These two teachers shared a deep connection to the Shambhala vision of an enlightened society. On the personal invitation of the Vidyadhara, Kanjuro Shibata XX came to the West to teach meditation kyudo.

Their aspiration was to bring together this vision of an enlightened society with the family lineage of Kanjuro Shibata XIX and his predecessors. Toward this end, they founded the Ryuko Kyudojo in Boulder, Colorado, to enable Kanjuro Shibata XX to present the tradition of kyudo in the West. Zenko International was later created to serve as an umbrella organization for all the "tiger groups" in North America and Europe.

Kanjuro Shibata XX remains loyal to the legacy of Shambhala and to the Vidyadhara's heir, Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche. Kanjuro Shibata XX's intention is to continue to propagate the vision of Shambhala by transmitting the heart of genuine kyudo practice to his Western students. Kanjuro Shibata XX has taken great care to ensure that the practice of kyudo is transmitted in accordance with the vision he shared with Trungpa Rinpoche, and in a way that nourishes and protects the continuity of the Shambhala teachings.

At the same time, kyudo has been and always will be open to all committed students, without regard to their relationship to Shambhala or any other tradition or group. The only requirement is that students develop a heart connection with the practice, friendship among themselves, and loyalty to Kanjuro Shibata XX as the kyudo master.

Kanjuro Shibata XX and the Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche wish to take this occasion to reaffirm the shared commitment of Zenko and Shambhala to the practices and disciplines of genuine warriorship in the world and to celebrate the coming together of their family lineages in the vision of the Great Eastern Sun. May all beings benefit!

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Signed and sealed in the Year of the Wood Bird, September 2005, Halifax, Nova Scotia

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