**Prajanaparamita & Kangyur**

Our kind Guru Shakyamuni Buddha achieved Buddhahood after three countless great eons of hard work and dedication for the sake of benefiting sentient beings. He left the greatest gift of all to us sentient beings – his realisation and discovery of individual potential – which allows us to follow his way and attain the same level as he did. The over 100 volumes of Kangyur teachings and 16 volumes of Prajanaparamita teachings are precious teachings which contain the direct instructions from Guru Shakyamuni Buddha from over 2500 years ago.

Kyabje Lama Zopa Rinpoche said, ‘There is unbelievable, unbelievable merit in making it possible to read these holy scriptures by the Sangha members. The benefits are explained in The Condensed Jewel Quality:-

Consider the merit obtained from building a stupa of the sorrowless state (the one gone to bliss), making the stupa of the 7 jewels, making as many of these to fill many thousands of ten millions worlds equalling the number of sand grains in the river Ganges, and making offerings to these stupas by many sentient beings (infinite sentient beings of all the existing worlds making offerings of lights, incense and flowers etc. 3 times a day for eons).

The merit created by reading, writing, keeping, making offering to, and paying respect to the Mother Prajnaparamita and Kangyur taught by Buddha who possesses the 10 Powers is infinitely greater than the former!

By contributing to the recitation of the Kangyur and Prajnaparamita, you create a vast amount of merit and there is so much purification. Even very heavy obstacles are removed.’

In India, Tibet and Nepal, there is a tradition of making request to the great monasteries to perform recitation of the Kangyur and Prajnaparamita sutras, when one experiences great obstacles, such as life threatening obstacles, obstacles for success or heavy sicknesses. By making extensive prayers and offerings with sincere motivation, unfavourable circumstances that bring problems can be changed. It is said that prayers performed by ordained ones are particularly powerful and effective as they are done on the base of pure morality. In addition, making offerings to an assembly of sangha during a puja collects extensive merit and purifies obstacles.