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Shambhala Office of Practice and Education

TO: All Shambhala International Calendar Planners
RE: Wood Sheep and Fire Monkey (2015-2016) Calendars
DATE: December 11, 2015

The Shambhala Office of Practice and Education is pleased to provide all the necessary information from the Tibetan calendar for the coming year – in this case the years of the Wood Sheep and the Fire Monkey. We are utilizing the work of Edward Henning from the U.K. On his website at www.kalacakra.org you will find a large archive of complete Tibetan calendars for the years 1450-2049. The standard Tibetan calendar that our community has always followed is known as that of the Phukpa tradition, and this particular archive can be found at <http://www.kalacakra.org/calendar/tiblist.htm>. We believe that you will find it easy to compile all the necessary dates directly from this website, and thus your ability to plan many years into the future will now be possible.

Below are all the specific dates for feasts, Jambhala, *Sadhana of Mahamudra*, and Werma Sadhana practice. In accordance with the Tibetan lunar calendar, we practice the feast for Padmakara and Chakrasamvaya on the 10th day and Vajrayogini on the 25th day; Jambhala sadhana is practiced on the 8th and 28th days; *Sadhana of Mahamudra* is practiced on the full (15th) and new (30th) moon days; and the *Werma Sadhana* is practiced on the protector days (9th, 19th, 29th). Milarepa Day is the 14th day of the 1st month. Centres may schedule this celebration on the nearest weekend. Vaishaka Day is the 15th day (full moon) of the 4th month. The commemoration of Mipham the Great is the 29th day of the 4th month.

The Tibetan calendar that we have is not corrected for North American or European time zones, so dates are perhaps not as accurate for us as they are for India. The only times that can be easily checked are the new and full moon, and it has always been suggested that we **follow Western sources for our practice of the *Sadhana of Mahamudra***, rather than what is given below.

Due to a lunar day being of different length than a solar day, sometimes the Tibetan calendar omits a solar date or has two of the same-numbered solar day. This accounts for why an occasional protector day might occur on the same day as a Jambhala practice day, why a Chakrasamvara feast day might occur on a protector day, or why there seems to be an extra day between any of these noted celebrations. Also, some years have an intercalary month. Different lunar calendrical systems may choose different years to insert this extra month, which is why the Chinese New Year can be a month off from the Tibetan New Year.

A day that has a plus sign following it is the second of two same-numbered days in the Tibetan calendar. This is the preferred day on which that practice should occur; however, either of the same-numbered days can be used. Thus, for example, there are two 8th days in the 7nd month (2015), so the Jambhala day on August 23, 2015 can be celebrated on August 22, if you wish. Days with minus signs following them indicate that the numbered day in question is missing and is thus celebrated on the previous day. For example, there is no 28th day in the 2nd Tibetan month (2015), so that Jambhala day falls on the 27th day – April 16, 2015.

Wood Sheep Year

Shambhala Day: 19 February 2015 (Mamo chants February 8 - 17, 2015)

Milarepa Day: 4 March 2015

2015	Sadhana of Mahamudra	Heruka feast	Dakini feast	Werma	Jambhala
Feb.	3, 18	28	14	7, 18, 27	6, 26
Mar.	5, 20	29	15	9, 19, 28	18, 27
Apr.	4, 18	28	14	8, 17, 27	16-, 26
May	4+, 18	28	13	8, 17, 27	16, 26

Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche Birthday Celebration—15 November 2015

Parinirvana Commemoration for Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche—4 April 2015

Vaishakha Day: Enlightenment and parinirvana of Buddha Shakyamuni—2 June 2015

Commemoration for Mipham the Great—15 June 2015

June	2, 15	26	11-	6, 15, 25	14, 24
July	2, 16, 31	26	11	5, 15, 25	14, 24
Aug.	14, 29	25	9	4, 13, 24	12, 23+
Sept.	13, 28	23	7	2, 12, 22	11, 21
Oct.	12, 27	22	7	1, 11, 21-, 31	10, 21
Nov.	11, 25	21	6	10, 20, 29	9, 19
Dec.	11, 25	20	5	10, 19, 29	9, 18

2016

Jan.	9, 23	19	4	8, 18, 28+	7, 17
Feb.	8, 22	17	3	7, 16, 26	6, 15

Shambhala Day 9 February 2016:

Milarepa Day 21 February 2016:

Fire Monkey Year

Shambhala Day: 9 February 2016 (Mamo chants January 29 - February 7)

Milarepa Day: 21 February 2016

2016	Sadhana of Mahamudra	Heruka feast	Dakini feast	Werma	Jambhala
Feb.	8, 22	17	3	7, 16, 26	6, 15
Mar.	9, 23	18	4	8, 17, 27	7, 16
Apr.	7, 22+	16	2	6, 15, 26	5, 14
May	6, 21	16	2, 31	5-, 15, 25	5, 14

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Parinirvana Commemoration for Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche—4 April 2016

Vaishakha Day: Enlightenment and parinirvana of Buddha Shakyamuni—20 June 2016

Commemoration for Mipham the Great—3 July 2016

June	5, 20	14	29-	4, 13, 24	3, 12
July	4, 19	14	29	3, 13, 23	2, 12, 31-
Aug.	2, 18	13	27	1, 12, 22, 31	11, 30
Sept.	1, 16, 30	11	25	10, 20, 29	9, 28
Oct.	16, 30	11	25	10, 19, 29	9, 28
Nov.	14, 29	9	23	8, 18, 28	7, 27
Dec.	13, 29+	9	23	8, 17, 27	7, 26

2017

Jan.	12, 27	7	22	6, 16, 26	5-, 25
Feb.	10, 26	6	21	5, 14, 25	4, 24

Shambhala Day 27 February 2017: (Mamo chants February 16 to 25)

Milarepa Day 11 March