LONG LIFE PRAYER FOR LAMA SAM BERCHOLZ

OM SOTI DÖ NAY RANG JUN CHHI MÉ TSHÉ T’HA YAY
May all be auspicious! Beginningless, self-arisen, immortal Buddha Amitayus’

RANG TSAL GAK MÉ DÉ TONG CHHAK GYAY GAR
Unobstructed, self-manifesting dance of the great empty exaltation mudra,

RAB JAM GYAL WA GYA TSHÖ TSHOK DANG CHAY
As well as all infinite oceans of Buddhas

GYÜ SUM LA MAY JIN CHHEN TSHÉ YANG TSOL
And lamas of the three lineages, please bestow your great longevity blessings.

CHHAK DZOK RIN CHHEN DAM CHHÖ DÜ TSI CHÜ
Supreme lama, holder of the pith instructions of the lineage,

GYÜ PAY MEN NGAK DZIN PAY LA MA CHHOK
The essence of the nectar of the precious teachings of Mahamudra and Mahasandhi,

GYUR MÉ ZHAB PAY TEN PAR SOL WA DEB
We pray at your lotus feet, may your life remain firm in your wisdom body

GANG GI DZAY ZANG BAY MÉ LHÜN GYIY DRUB
And may your wisdom activities be effortlessly accomplished.
Lama Sam Bercholz, whose dharma name is Rinchen Chödzin, has shown me great kindness for many years, so when I was requested to write a long-life prayer for him, even though I have no qualities of experience, realization, or learning, and thus no qualifications to write such a prayer, because of my immense gratitude towards him, and especially because of our pure samaya, I thought it would not be too hypocritical if I made a pure-hearted prayer. As H.H. Dudjom Rinpoche Jigdral Yeshe Dorje says, “pure samaya frees us from obstacles on the path.” To honor the request of Vincent Thibault, whose Dharma name is Gawey Lodrö, I, Sonam Tsering, made this prayer at Pema Ösel Ling, in the presence of the great liberation-upon-seeing statue of Guru Rinpoche Conquering Appearing Existence with Splendor, on the occasion of the tsok offering to Guru Rinpoche on the holy tenth day of the waxing moon of the Water Snake Month of the Earth Dog Year, March 26, 2018.