Professor Chögyal Namkhai Norbu
“The Light of Kailash”

Introduction by Professor Charles Ramble
Chaired by Dr. Ulrich Pagel

Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} June 2010 6-8pm
The Brunei Lecture Theatre

with photographic exhibition of the Kailash region of Tibet
and light refreshments 5:30-9pm in the Brunei Hospitality Suite

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Professor Namkhai Norbu will deliver a lecture from his research into the ancient Tibetan kingdom of Shang Shung as part of the programme for the Circle of Tibetan and Himalayan Studies in the Brunei Lecture Theatre at SOAS on Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} June from 6-8pm. Light refreshments will be provided with an accompanying photographic exhibition of the Kailash region of Tibet in the Brunei Hospitality Suite from 5.30 until 9pm, where Professor Namkhai Norbu will be signing copies of his book *The Light of Kailash: A History of Zhang Zhung and Tibet* which is currently being published in three volumes.

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Professor Namkhai Norbu is acknowledged as a leading authority on Tibetan civilisation; his research has been published in Tibetan, Chinese, English, Italian and many other languages. He was born in Derge in eastern Tibet in 1938 and recognised as a Tulku by HH the 16th Karmapa. He studied with some of the most important masters of his time and completed the rigorous training required by Buddhist tradition in Sutra and Tantra, as well as in Buddhist philosophy at Derge Gonchen, one of the principle monasteries of the Sakya school of Tibetan Buddhism. At the age of sixteen he met Rigdzin Changchub Dorje, who introduced him to the authentic knowledge of Dzogchen.

In 1960 Professor Namkhai Norbu was invited by Professor Giuseppe Tucci to carry out research at the Institute for Far and Middle Eastern Studies in Rome and from 1964 until his retirement in 1992 was Professor of Tibetan and Mongolian Languages and Literature at the University of Naples L’Orientale. It was during this time that he carried out research into the origins of Tibetan culture with particular attention to the pre-Buddhist Bön tradition. Since 1976 Professor Namkhai Norbu has gained a world-wide reputation as a major teacher of Dzogchen.

Professor Namkhai Norbu founded the International Shang Shung Institute to help preserve the cultural traditions of Tibet, and A.S.I.A. (Association for International Solidarity in Asia) a non-profit-making organisation which operates in Tibet dedicated to assisting the Tibetan peoples in the provision of education, health, training, disaster relief and sustainable economic development.

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Professor Chögyal Namkhai Norbu will be giving Dzogchen teachings at the Camden Centre, Euston Road, London WC1H 1JE, 28th May – 1st June, see: www.dzogchencommunity.org