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Buddhism and Ecology: A Way out of the Crisis?

A lecture by **His Holiness Drikung Kyabgön Chetsang Rinpoche**

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His Holiness Drikung Kyabgön Chetsang Rinpoche is the 37th throne holder of the Drikung Kagyü Lineage of Tibetan Buddhism. Today his teachings and impact extend far beyond the borders of South and Central Asia. Chetsang Rinpoche founded the project Go Green & Go Organic, which deals with the preservation and protection of the environment in the Himalayas. An integral part of the project is the Ice Stupa Project in Ladakh. The ice stupa is an artificial mini-glacier, which is used as a water reservoir during the dry season. In 2015, Chetsang Rinpoche was appointed a United Nations Mountain Partnership Ambassador for his work. As an ambassador, it is his duty to campaign for better living and environmental conditions in mountainous regions and to encourage others to become actively involved.

In his lecture, HH Drikung Kyabgön Chetsang will talk about his experiences and his work in ecological projects. He will also address the extent to which Tibetan Buddhism can represent a tangible inspiration for active engagement in environmental protection, which Buddhist teachings are particularly helpful, and how leading religious figures can campaign for an ecologically viable future.

The lecture will be held in English and translated into German. Following the lecture, Prof. Jan-Ulrich Sobisch will discuss a few key aspects in greater detail. The event will conclude with a Q&A session. Admission is free.

