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Editorial

In 1987 Professor Thubten Jigme Norbu, one of the founding members of the Tibet Society, celebrated his 65th birthday. In the same year Professor Norbu retired from his teaching post at Indiana University after a twenty-two year career there. During his time with the Tibet Society and the Tibetan Studies Program of the Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies at Indiana University, Professor Norbu contributed greatly to the efforts of both groups, not simply through his normal work with students and colleagues, but by means of the warmth, humor and spirit that he brought to that work.

Professor Norbu has played a pivotal role in the work of the Tibet Society since its inception in 1967 (when he was one of the Society's founding members). As a result, a small number of us thought that it would be appropriate to mark his 65th birthday with a modest collection of papers dedicated to him. Thus, we present this volume to Professor Norbu with the best wishes of the authors and the Tibet Society. *Bkra-shis bde-legs!*

E.S.
