

FOUNDATION DAY 2021

THE LAUNCHING OF KACHOE LING RETREAT CENTRE



ABOUT KACHOE LING RETREAT CENTRE PROJECT

The Late Kyabje Khensur Kangyur Losang Thubten Rinpoche was the Founder and Spiritual Leader of Tibetan Buddhist Institute in Adelaide. He was an exceedingly esteemed and venerated Lama, who possessed awe-inspiring insights and whose teachings were vast and profound, making him one of the most revered Lamas at Sera Jey Monastic University. As he was passing away in 2014 his dying wish was to create a retreat centre. He vividly described a Gumpa, Stupa, accommodation for the teacher and retreaters, beautiful gardens, tranquil and peaceful surroundings suitable for retreating and meditation. Rinpoche also mentioned that the retreat centre not be too far away from Adelaide. Kachoe Ling is named after Vajrayogini (a highest yoga deity). Having completed a three year retreat on Vajrayogini, this became one of Rinpoche's main practices. His vision was for Tibetan Buddhist Institute to locate a sanctuary, creating an ambience that is calming, serene and pleasing to the senses, enabling us to free our minds from the afflictions that torment us. With an untroubled, composed mind practitioners will more easily further their meditation practice to gain insights into themselves and the world around them. We are inviting you to help us realize Rinpoche's dying wish and bring it to fruition.

**Model of
proposed
Kachoe Ling
Retreat Centre**



**Kyabje Khensur Kangyur
Lobsang Thubten Rinpoche (1925-2014)**

Abbot Chancellor, Sera Jey Monastic University, Lineage Holder of the 108 Volumes of Buddhist Canon. Rinpoche, born in Kham, East Tibet, showing at a very early age, signs of being the reincarnate of a great Spiritual Lama.

Some of his outstanding achievements are:

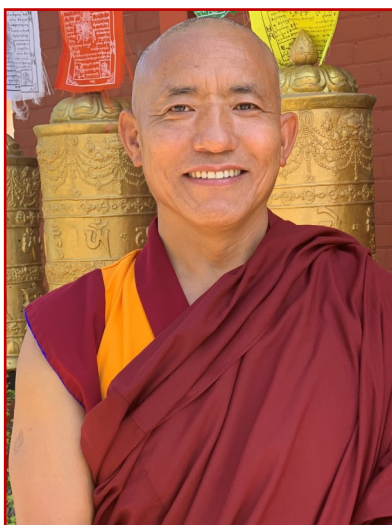
- Being asked by HH Dalai Lama to provide the transmission of the complete Tibetan canon, the Kangyur, to an assembly of 900 monks, a feat accomplished about once in a generation and takes 6 months to complete.
- On the insistence of His Eminence Trijang Rinpoche (HH Dalai Lama's Tutor), Kyabje Rinpoche undertook the Great (3years 6 months) Retreat on Vajrayogini.
- In 1965, he completed his Lharam Geshe (Doctorate of Philosophy), the highest possible degree in Buddhist Philosophic Studies.
- After fleeing Tibet, he helped re-establish Sera Jey Monastery in India, and was appointed Abbott by HH Dalai Lama.
- He also restructured Sera Jey School, which has resulted in an



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Geshe Jampa Gyaltsen was appointed, by The Late Kyabje Khensur Rinpoche, to be the resident teacher of TBI in 2011. Geshela and the Spiritual Leader and Director of TBI, Nawang Thubten, engaged in lengthy talks regarding the dying of Rinpoche, which was to establish a retreat centre. Geshe Jampa Gyaltsen, foremost scholar in



Tibetan Buddhism and Buddhist Philosophy, he also studied in depth for over 25 years to attain his Geshe Lharampa Degree, at Sera Jey Monastic University in India. TBI offers three teaching classes with Geshela: Tuesdays focussing on authentic Tibetan Buddhist Philosophy, Wednesdays a pathway for living and Sundays in English. We also hold long weekend teachings and retreats with Geshela. TBI also offers Meditation and Basic Buddhism classes, including formal spiritual practices. We also invite, from time to time, eminent Tibetan Lamas from Sera Monastery to impart their vast and profound knowledge.

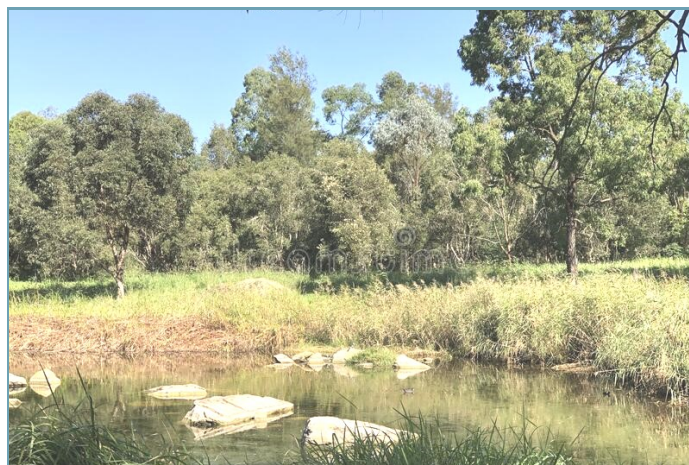


HOW YOU CAN HELP

Would you like to join with us in creating a peaceful, calm and serene place for contemplative meditation and Buddhist Teachings?

If you would like to become a benefactor and offer an interest free loan please contact the Spiritual Leader and Director Nawang (Tenzin).

We are confident and optimistic that, with everyone's generosity, devotion to the Dharma and thirst for knowledge for the teachings, we will be able to raise the necessary funds to bring Rinpoche's most precious wish to completion. Any offering is most welcome. We are incredibly fortunate that we have the seed of our project donated from an extremely kind and generous benefactor who has contributed Sixty Thousand dollars to our Retreat Centre Project.



Donors names, or that of a loved one, can be dedicated at Auspicious Days Pujas. Alternatively you may wish to repay the kindness and honour your teachers, your family, a deceased person and all sentient beings.

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SPEECH BY GESHE JAMPA GYALTSEN on FOUNDATION DAY 2021

Today we are gathered here to celebrate the 16th year of the opening of TBI.

The purpose for this Foundation Day is to launch Kachoe Ling Retreat Centre, and as you may know, was the dying wish of our Rinpoche. There is a plan passed to us from our Rinpoche, and his wish was to open a Retreat Centre. In order for this to be successful and bring it to fruition we need to fervently pray towards this to happen. There are more details in the brochure and you can look in there for more information about the retreat centre. The Sera Geshes are at this moment, holding a Puja for the success of this Retreat Centre, and they also are doing prayers for His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's long life, for Rinpoche and Rinpoches teachers reincarnate with success in their study. They pray also for them to follow the footsteps of the previous Rinpoche's. This Puja and Prayers are also for Khensur Lobsang Paldens to swift return.





SPEECH BY NAWANG THUBTEN, SPIRITUAL LEADER AND DIRECTOR OF TIBETAN BUDDHIST INSTITUTE

Welcome everyone and thank you for joining us to celebrate the 16th year of the founding of Tibetan Buddhist Institute (Thekchen Shedrub Choeling). This is a very special day because we are launching the

Retreat Centre Project that was Rinpoche's heart endeavour.

As I speak, you will notice on the screen are dedicated students of Khensur Rinpoche who are performing a Tara Ritual Puja at Rinpoche's Labrang in Sera Monastery. These offerings are for the Elaborate Offering to Tara, Kalarupa Protector Puja and Recitation of the Manjushri-namasamgiti ("Uttering the Names of Manjushri").

TBI has requested this puja for the purpose of the dedications which you have with you. Geshela will lead some prayers with the monks and you can join in later if you would like (point 6. on your program).

As I reflect on the past 16 years since TBI opened, I often think of my beloved Rinpoche. I can easily bring him to my mind, seeing and hearing him as I did when I was just a 6 year old boy, in a monastery that was so different to my life with my mum and siblings, in a tiny house where love abounded and food scarce. My father died 2 months after I was born and my eldest brother also died a few years later. Down the track, my younger sister and brother also died. My bond with my mother was strong, and here I was as a little boy in a huge monastery, surrounded by the unknown.

What was known for me was Rinpoche, this revered and cherished Lama, showing unbound love and kindness towards me. Sure there was firmness when needed, but underneath any stern looks was a bond and reverence that was to be my mainstay for the next 50 years. When Rinpoche envisioned a Buddhist Centre in Adelaide, I was a little nervous, but my strong faith and conviction in everything that Rinpoche said and did, made very very clear what I needed to do and the course to take. So the rest is history. Teachings starting in the tiny lounge room at St. Marys, dwarfed by the giant Shakyamuni Buddha statue, people jammed in tightly as we precariously passed Rinpoche's chai over students shoulders, finally coming to rest on the throne. What a relief that miraculously, not a drop was spilt!

Next was to find a place to establish a centre, and along came Flinders Park. This couldn't have been accomplished without the amazingly kind gift from Ilia and other benefactors. We had some hurdles to overcome, but what did it matter. Rinpoche was guiding me and therefore I knew exactly what to do and when to do it.

Today we reap the benefit of Rinpoche's insight in choosing this place, right here. The resultant 16 years have been hugely successful and of great benefit to all who come to teachings. As time passed, the seed of something more was growing in Rinpoche's mind. We had already held two ten day retreats in the Adelaide hills, and Rinpoche envisaged a retreat centre for TBI. As he lay dying in his 93rd year, he vividly described in detail what he wanted for his students and future students of Geshe Jampa Gyaltsen.

I would like to hand over to Sylvia Barber who Rinpoche spoke to at the very end of his life. Sylvia has been astoundingly generous by giving us the seed money for Rinpoche's retreat centre.



DR. SYLVIA BARBER SPEAKING WITH RINPOCHE IN HIS LAST MOMENTS ABOUT HIS DYING WISH

Welcome Geshela, Tenzin and everyone. Some of you may know me, others may have heard of me. I welcome you today, to the 16th anniversary of TBI's Foundation Day. Today I am thinking of our Rinpoche who founded this centre, and all the other connections that we have through Rinpoche to Sera Monastery and elsewhere. This is very important for us to remember the wider connections that we enjoy because of our Precious Founder.

Our connection to Rinpoche, our most special teacher, who clearly was VajraYogini and most importantly, Rinpoche having done a three year VajraYogini retreat at Sera many years ago. Having passed away and no doubt to VajraYogini Pure Land initially, is now actually a Buddha. If we realise that through our connection with Rinpoche, we will understand that we may have VajraYogini here all around us. This is part of our Rinpoche who is a Buddha. What has happened when Rinpoche passed away in January 2014, both Tenzin and myself were present at the moment when He asked us to help form a vision that He had and develop a pure VajraYogini retreat land.... in other words Kachoe Ling.

This is something which Tenzin and I have been working on for many years and today is the launch of this project that our Rinpoche so clearly envisioned. Both Tenzin and Geshela will cut the ribbon to launch Kachoe Ling Retrat Centre. This is the beginning of the vision in Rinpoches mind as he lay dying. The retreat centre Rinpoche wished for us to create is something that is extremely beautiful, peaceful and a sanctuary for all of us. Into the future there will be connections with the Geshes at Sera and including Geshe Yama Rinchen. In the not too distant future when the Centre is completed, part of it will have a digital library and suitable facilities so that we can invite Geshes from Sera and elsewhere to do sabbaticals and teachings related to Tantra. Kachoe Ling will be a tantric centre but will be available for meditation and all kinds of retreats.

I would like to talk a little about my connection and background with Rinpoche. I'm sure you know the old saying that when the time is right your teacher

will appear. Well, that seemed to happen to me. I was living in Sydney and when I returned to Adelaide for work for a few years, I was looking for a teacher. Around 1998 Buddha House asked Rinpoche to come to Adelaide to be their teacher. The first advertisement in the Advertiser was a public teaching called Compassion, Loving Kindness on the 5th February 1989. I attended this event, and every teaching after that because I felt a strong connection to Rinpoche. Of course it took a few months before I became a Buddhist. I then took refuge, and continued on listening to his teachings. Rinpoche and I became close because he requested a few things of me and one in particular was to make sure that I organised His Holiness' visits to Adelaide in 1992. Consequently over the next year or two our Rinpoche gave the initiation for VajraYogini which I took, feeling even more closely connected. A couple of years later I did a retreat and the connections became obviously quite strong so Rinpoche and I were very well connected and I have never felt any separation from him. I believe he is around, and he is here for all of us. He has many forms in particular VajraYogini so with respect to Rinpoche's dying wish and to fulfil those wishes and vision, we will create the place under his guidance and what he so clearly laid out to us. We expect there will be quite a decent acreage, have various buildings, a VajraYogini temple and various other temples. Definitely there will be a major stupa for our Rinpoche and over time there may be up to one hundred and eight stupas hopefully over time and into the future. This retreat centre will be a most beautiful and peaceful place with special landscaping to comply with Rinpoche's wishes. We want to follow eco guidelines be an eco safe establishment.



If all of you could consider helping, sponsoring, contributing whatever you can, a small or large amount or even considering leaving something in your will. Donations go into the building fund and are therefore tax deductible. It is important that you could be a part of this if you have any skills or other abilities that you would like to volunteer and help us form a bridge to help go forward. Obviously