

The ENTHRONEMENT of YANGSI CHOTRUL RINPOCHE



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One half of the gomba in
Sera Jey Monastery



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Left: Geshe Jamyang Tenzin and Geshe Tenzin Yeshe assisting Rinpoche to the very high throne!!!

Below: Yangsi Rinpoche mounting the steps to take his place on the throne. Rinpoche sat contentedly for the entire Enthronement Ceremony which lasted over four hours. This awe-inspiring occasion was preceded by a Special Puja.



Gyurmey Monastery Lama Umze
Geshe Nawang Sangay
Representative of Sera Jey Abbot

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Sara Lachi Monastery: Inviting His Holiness Dalai Lama to the ceremony and making offerings to the altar whilst over 3,000 monks looked on, were Geshe Yama Rinchen, Ugyen Tseten Rinpoche, Yangsi Chotrul Rinpoche and Nawang Thupten (Chanzoe and Director of Tibetan Buddhist Institute)



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Yangsi Rinpoche blessing a friend from the past:
Geshe Doga from Melbourne



Yangsi Rinpoche and Geshe Tenzin Yeshi

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Yangsi Rinpoches Family from left: Yangsi Rinpoche being held by his father, his Mother, then Grandmother, Rabjey, and between father and mother is his elder sister , younger sister and two young monk (relatives) and his younger brother.



Above: Yangsi Rinpoche with the reincarnate of his good friend in their previous lives, Ugyen Tseten Rinpoche. They are very good friends in this lifetime too.

Below: Ugyen Tseten Rinpoche, Geshe Palden, Geshe Doga and Yangsi Rinpoche in Bodghaya.



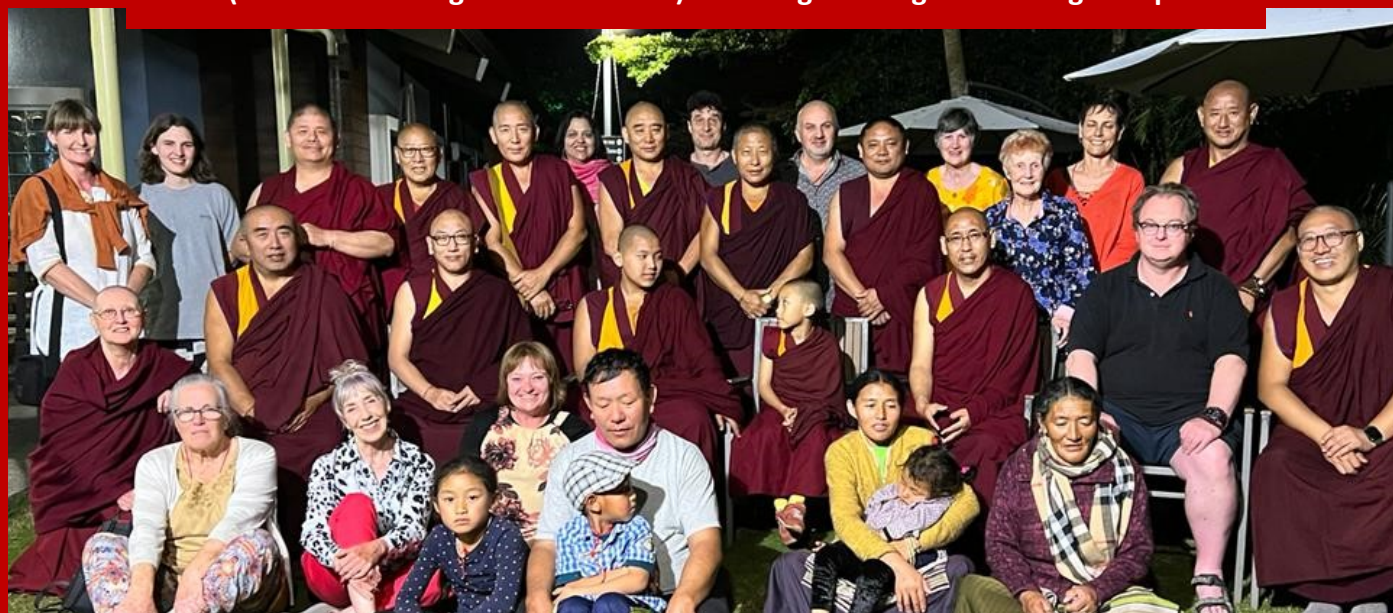
Saying goodbye to Rinpoche as Tenzin left to come back to Australia



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Tenzin (Chanzo - in charge of total affairs) receiving blessings from Yangsi Rinpoche



Yangsi Rinpoche, his family, Ugyen Tseten Rinpoche, Geshe Yama Rinchen, Geshe Nawang (from Spain)



Geshe Jamyang and Geshe from Tehor Khangsten Admin and the Aussie group

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Above: Geshe Chime Tsering with the Aussie group

Below: Rinpoche in his room with the Aussie Group



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Gerry Treuren and Geshe Yama Rinchen with a smiling Rinpoche from his past life in the background

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Geshe Yama Rinchen with
the Aussie Group



Thehor Kangsten admin
welcoming the group under
the huge marque especially
erected for the Enthronement



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Inviting His Holiness back to his room



**Director and Assistant Director
working together for TBI**

KAYLA IN FULL STRETCH!!!
As shown in this picture, Kayla needed to hold her camera very high in order to capture as much as possible. Thank you Kayla for all your hard work!!



Right: Kayla, shown here with Natalie, worked extremely hard videoing the entire Enthronement and Puja. She also, very kindly, did the same for the Enthronement groups visit to nearby nunneries



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Yangsi Rinpoche has come a long way since meeting His Holiness 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet around 4 years ago at Dharamsala





Above: Yangsi Rinpoche recieveing Mandala Offering from Tenzin
Below: Yangsi Rinpoche blessing his father



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The three ceremonial occasions (the actual Enthronement, the Reception, and a Puja beginning in the morning and included the entire Sera Monastery) were, by far, the most significantly important and logistically massive event ever to be organised and fundraised by anyone at TBI. Gigantic and colossal in every way, these three events were only triumphant because our Chanzoe and Director, Nawang Thubten (affectionately called Tenzin) had the incredible skill, fortitude, determination, resilience and endurance to pull it off. His vast knowledge of Sera Monastery, the intricate workings involved in traditional ceremonies and procedures, and his impressively inspiring organisational abilities, were learned from sitting at the feet of our Precious Rinpoche so many, many years ago. Tenzin, even as a young 19yo, had the ability to organise Rinpoche's overseas trips for him to teach in various countries, arrange overseas Lama's to come and visit and teach at TBI, plan and achieve highly successful retreats, etc etc. All this history culminated in a never to be forgotten Enthronement ceremony, lasting three days. Hence "Ritual Master" is what Ilia named Tenzin some years ago. This Enthronement was always going to be gargantuan.....an enormously immense occasion, and this is exactly what it was!

Geshes and their attendants arrived from overseas and interstate and included over 3,000 Sera Jey monks, all in attendance and receiving the many food offerings which were in abundance, as well as the traditional monetary offerings to everyone who was present.

The traditional lunch was a lavish and delicious affair, with a touch of humour as the young monks sprinted up and down the 30 or more rows eager to dish out the meals without spilling a drop. Every detail of this major event, was a perfect presentation of this most holy and blessed rite of passage for our cherished and beloved Khensur Rinpoche, whose family also attended, coming down to Sera from Ladhak. One can only wonder that they must have been in awe of such ceremonial splendour honouring their son. In amongst all the grandeur and celebrations, a highlight for the TBI students who attended was the teachings given to us by Geshe Yama Rinchen and Geshe Chime Tsering, in the Prayer Hall in Rinpoches Labrang. Tenzin fulfilled all the needs of the Aussie visitors to perfection:- flights to and from India, accommodation in Bangalore and in Sera, a visit to the Health Care Centre in Sera, a visit to five nearby monasteries, a tour of the massive kitchen in Sera whilst the cooks were preparing for the feast the following day. Tenzin also ensured that two exceptional cooks supplied an endless feast (there was at least six or more choices for breakfastreally!!) three times a day for the Aussies! He organised our stay in the Sera Mey Guest House, and we enjoyed a short walk to Rinpoche's house every morning. For the actual Enthronement, he gave us instructions on what to do and what not to do, guiding us gently through what we were so privileged to be a part of. His mind of course was on the enormity of having the Enthronement itself being perfect, as befitted our Cherished Rinpoche, but still he was thinking of us.

I have seen Tenzin organise many events for TBI: several 10 day retreats, weekend teachings, visiting Geshes and Lamas (including His Holiness 14th Dalai Lama to our centre), Sakya Trizin, Dagri Rinpoche, Geshe Yama Rinchen) but the Enthronement of his Guru and Mentor, his heart teacher and his Spiritual Advisor was perhaps his most magnificent achievement to date. Thank you Tenzin for giving us the privilege of being there. Carole

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A few thoughts from the Aussie Group

"It was great to finally meet Rinpoche and visit Sera! The experience exceeded my expectations. I felt SO fortunate (not to mention quiet spoilt and cared for). The pace and content of the daily program was very suitable with plenty of time to also reflect. (I should mention...the trip was also sprinkled with a few not-so-tough opportunities to practice patience and the inability to refrain from overeating!!) **There was a lot of wonderful spaces/moments that truly overwhelmed the Heart and senses.....**with Rinpoche's Enthronement taking first prize! THANK YOU SO MUCH AND BLESSINGS for the immense support and efforts of our organiser, caretakers and participants. Monica



Thoughts on our pilgrimage to the Heart of Sera Je Monastery, so much more than a few mere words can describe!

Being able to participate in a very small way, in the magnificent ceremonies honouring Kyabje Khensur Kangyur Lama Lobsang Thubten Rinpoche's return as Yangsi Chotrul Kangyur Rinpoche was a profound privilege, connecting again with my Guru and observing how he is so loved and highly esteemed. Also, meeting with Tenzin Ogyen Chonyid Rinpoche, the reincarnation of Khensur Rinpoche's teacher, seeing the bond between him and Yangsi Chotrul Kangyur Rinpoche, was a very special experience. As a Western nun, I felt more of an observer than a participant in the Enthronement ceremonies, it was a bit like looking through a window and knowing I could not be inside! Although ordained, my life in the Western world, is vastly different to what I observed for the monastics at Sera Je Monastery. I was profoundly aware of contrasts - the austerities of the physical lives of the monks in the monastery, contrasting with the richness of opportunities to listen, reflect and meditate. Every day (except Tuesdays) the monks, from a very young age, are immersed in the Dharma - such a contrast with the Western nuns who materially are rich, but struggle often in isolation, to be immersed in the teachings.

The system of responsibility for the education and welfare of Yangsi Chotrul Kangyur Rinpoche greatly impressed me; he will be guided by many, including Tenzin and the residents at his Khangsten and Labrang. Connecting again with Geshe Yama Rinchen, Rinpoche's Senior tutor and meeting his Junior tutor Geshe Chemi Tsering, I felt blessed to have such connections and, although aware of the contrasts, being there in that great monastery, I felt joy being in the right place and all the petty worries of the outside world faded away.

To mention just a few moments of joy, such as observing little Rinpoche playing with Carole, Steven and others in the group; having the poignant use for our daily practice of Rinpoche's Gumpa and the generosity and care shown by Tenzin's three "golden" helpers, Rabjay, Geshe Jamyang and Chogye (this included electric kettles being provided at the guesthouse on request)! The thoughtfulness for our pilgrimage group was kindness itself, headed up by Tenzin-la who is held in such high esteem, as noted when he was almost buried under a mound of offered khatas at the Enthronement! And, of course, Rinpoche on his throne, seated for hours with complete composure, it was obvious that he also was in the right place, surrounded by his students, family and devoted friends. May it always be so!

Now that Rinpoche has returned to us, I feel he is reaching out with hands of compassion and, having faith in our Guru, we can be guided by the Dharma teachings from an unbroken lineage, teacher to student, back through to Sakyamuni Buddha himself. How fortunate is that! By Tenzin Drolkar

*"For as long as space endures And for as long as living beings remain
Until then may I too abide To dispel the misery of the world"* (Shantideva, verse 55, chapter 10)

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Our Dharma Holiday

The Pilgrimage to Sera and to witness the Enthronement of Yangtze Rinpoche in November, 2022, has been an especially profound experience for us. Initial obstacles and difficulties prior to the trip, vanished as we set foot on the plane, and never reappeared. Setting foot in Sera was magical. Being in an environment where everyone is practising dharma, plus meeting so many high lamas and inspiring geshe, was really wonderful. Their humility, kindness and blessings have enriched our own spiritual journeys in unimaginable ways. It is hard to



describe the incredible honour of meeting with Yangtze Rinpoche daily, both informally and formally. He is intelligent, joyful and happy, mixed easefully with us after first day shyness and delighted all of us. At ceremonies he sat perfectly still, seeming very comfortable in his role and every now and then bestowing a treasured smile on us. Rinpoche's family of Grandmother, Father, Mother, two sisters and a brother, captivated our hearts with their dignity, willingness to play and their faith. Knowing that the opportunity to be active participants in the Puja, Enthronement Ceremony and celebrations that followed was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, added to the great sense of awe that carried us through this pilgrimage. Tenzin, Geshe

Jamyang, Geshe Dorje, along with Rabjay, could not have looked after us better and were instrumental in the detailed organisation needed to fulfill all the requirements for this massive event. We cannot thank



Golden capped rooves crown elongated Monasteries dotted around the landscape of Mysore district, southern India. There is little about this place that reminds me of India, instead I feel transported to Tibet, surrounded by maroon clad monks and the peaceful ambience of the streets.

Now back home in Australia, I find myself in a relaxed state of mind, relatively free of the conceptual thoughts which usually dominate. This calm is my gift from Sera Jey, where the presence of great lamas and highly learned scholars over the ten days we were there perhaps unsurprisingly rubbed off. I never imagined that we would have the close access

to Yangtze Rinpoche that we did. Sharing meals, playing catch, watching him with his siblings – it was a great blessing to see the re-embodied Khensur Rinpoche wearing the smile that lights up his whole face and apparently enjoying life to its fullest. Many roads led back to our very own Geshe Jampa Gyaltzen. Meetings with his students, visiting his house, hearing great lamas like Geshe Yama Rinchen remind us that Geshela is teaching at TBI under the blessing of Khensur Rinpoche. All of my experiences remind me of the importance of study and practice, and I face 2023 with a renewed sense of commitment to these pillars. Jo De Silva