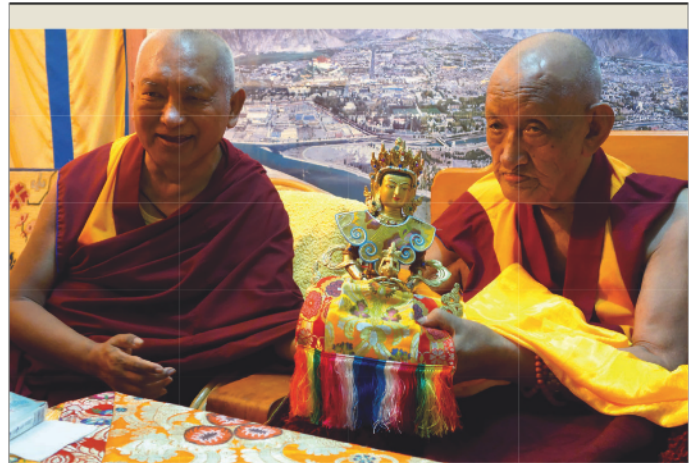


**B**orn in 1923, Khensur Lobsang Tsering Rinpoche became a monk at the age of five and eventually joined prestigious Sera Je Monastery in Tibet at 17. He remained there until 1959 when he was imprisoned and tortured by the communist Chinese for 10 years. In 1969, Khensur Rinpoche fled to South India to rejoin the reestablished Sera Monastery, obtaining his Geshe Lharampa degree in 1972. He served as the main teacher of many of the early generation of Kopan monks who were sent to study at Sera Je, including Yangsi Rinpoche, Khen Rinpoche Geshe Chonyi and Geshe Thubten Sherab. In 1987, His Holiness the Dalai Lama appointed him abbot of Sera Je, a position he kept until Khensur Jampa Tegchok Rinpoche took on the role in 1993. Over the years, Khensur Lobsang Tsering Rinpoche served thousands of students, even taking time to visit students at FPMT centers such as Amitabha Buddhist Centre in Singapore and Choe Khor Sum Ling in India.

“Khensur Losang Tsering was the former abbot of Sera Je Monastery and one of the greatest teachers from among the three great monasteries of the Tibetan Buddhist tradition,” said Yangsi Rinpoche, founder and president of Maitripa College in the United States. “Rinpoche was highly regarded

by His Holiness the Dalai Lama for his great effort and dedication to the guidance and education of younger scholars and practitioners.

“Many students in Kopan Monastery and Sera, including myself, were very fortunate to receive instruction, teachings and guidance from Rinpoche.



### **KHENSUR LOBSANG TSERING RINPOCHE**

91, died in Bylakuppe, India, July 1, 2014, of natural causes

Our very own Lama Zopa Rinpoche often gives Rinpoche accolades for making the first request that helped begin the Sera Je Food Fund.

“Rinpoche had countless qualities and achievements, but among them were these he was most well-known for: Rinpoche completed a three-

year Yamantaka retreat in the 1980s, Rinpoche taught the high lamas and geshe of Sera tirelessly from 9 to 5 every day until he reached the age of 80, and Rinpoche was renowned for his clarity and wisdom on the subject of the ‘Perfect View’ in Buddhist philosophy.”