

Grand Opening and Consecration of Opak Kyilkhör Chöling
Amitabha Foundation Retreat Centre in Nepal
And the Enthronement of His Eminence Palchen Galo Rinpoche

20-25 May 2013

OFFICIAL INVITATION



20-21 May - Dharma Protector Prayers

23 May - Official Ceremonies

24-25 May - Buddha Amitabha Tsog Offering and Milarepa Tsog Offering Prayers

In the heartland of world peace, the spiritual pure land of Nepal, the Amitabha Foundation is a legally registered entity in Nepal and the Retreat Centre is built on a mountain range at Kopan Village in the Kathmandu Valley. Located approximately 3.5 km. north of the ancient Buddhist stupa of Boudhanath, it consists of eight temples, retreat cottages, a library and a conference hall. The eight temples have been magnificently built to accumulate merit. They display carvings and paintings based on the highest traditions of Tibetan Buddhist art and culture, preserving these traditions and inspiring future generations to value and perpetuate them.

This location was selected for the Retreat Centre because Nepal is the birthplace of Lord Sakyamuni Buddha, surrounded by many holy pilgrimage places all over the country. It was also built to create the opportunity for both ordained and lay people in Nepal and all over the world to practise Dharma, and to offer to those who are not Dharma practitioners a short, peaceful respite from their busy worldly lives. In addition, by providing a library, the Centre will assist both scholars in their research and local people in their education. It also has a conference hall to promote east-west religious and cultural exchange, with an emphasis on altruistic programmes to promote world peace. The time has now come to inaugurate the Amitabha Foundation Retreat Centre for the benefit of the world community.

We are also privileged to announce the enthronement ceremony of one of the eight great Buddhist siddhi lineage masters of the 12th century who were well known all over Tibet as Palchen Ga Lotsawa Shon-nu Pal. Born in Mi-nyag in Eastern Tibet, he formed the wish to attain siddhi in his life time. To receive teachings, he made the difficult and dangerous

journey to the noble land of India, where he attended great Buddhist masters like Tsami Sange Dragpa of Magadha region at Bodh Gaya, Abhayakara, Vageshwari, and many others.

He undertook yogic practices at the historic charnel ground Sitavana (Cool Grove), attaining both the common spiritual attainments and extra-ordinary yogic accomplishments, exemplifying extraordinary supernatural powers. In particular, he had a vision of the primordial wisdom protectors Mahakala Bernagchen in the sky and Four Armed Mahakala on earth, in person, who directly gave him the life essence and transmission teachings. He later invited the primordial wisdom protector, along with his host, to Tibet from the noble land of India and covenanted him to protect the Buddha's teaching in Tibet.

Gradually, he bestowed extensive oral instructions, initiations, and the union of the six branches of sadhanas to the first incarnate lama of Tibet, H.H. The Gyalwang Karmapa Dusum Khenpa and also to the great Sakyapa master Sachen Kunga Nyingpo. All these details are described in many historical texts such as the religious history of Tibet and the compendium of teaching biographies of other masters of the time. It is also recorded that King Shingta of Magadha, present day Rajgir in Bihar, gave him a reception during which his path was strewn with flowers up to his knees.

H.E. Palchen Galo Rinpoche is the 4th reincarnation of Karma Kamtsang lineage of Dzod-Tse monastery, famed for its many qualified and accomplished great Masters, which was established under the great Dharma king Lhathog Choegyal of Eastern Tibet. The present incarnation is a reincarnation of the second Lhase Tulku who was the second throne holder of the monastery. He was again born as a son of the Master, universally known by the name of H.E. Ayang Rinpoche, the emanation of Terton Rigzin Choegyal Dorje, and of the mother True Lhamo, who is the descendant of the great King Ling Gesar of Tibet.

The opening of Amitabha Foundation Retreat Centre and the Enthronement Ceremony of the 4th Palchen Galo Rinpoche will be held on the auspicious day of 23rd May 2013. All our associates, dharma brothers and sisters, and Rinpoche's students are cordially invited by the representative abbots and lamas of Dzod Tse monastery on behalf of H.E. Kyabgon Jedrung Rinpoche and Dzod Tse Monastery, and His Eminence's followers who are currently in exile; and by all the associates and members of Amitabha Foundation Retreat Centre, Nepal.

It will be a great opportunity for His Eminence Ayang Rinpoche's many devoted students around the world to take part together in this important occasion of celebration. It is also an opportunity to visit many great Buddhist sites and places of pilgrimage in Nepal and the surrounding area. To enable you to choose accommodation and tours according to your needs, we will post information on available options on www.amitabhafoundation.us and www.ayangrinpoche.org. We regret we are unable to make bookings, due to the number of people expected to attend this event.