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## Hayagriva Empowerment

Khen Rinpoche Jetsun Lobsang Delek Sera Jey Monastics

> Saturday, September 10, 2016 10 AM ~ 4 PM, Lunch at Noon

Khen Rinpoche Jetsun Lobsang Delek was born in Tibet in 1939. At age 7, he was ordained as a Buddhist monk at his native Karze Monastery and later joined Sera Jey Monastery in Lhasa, Tibet. In 1959, he took refuge in India after following His Holiness the Dalai Lama. He continued his study and received Geshe Lharampa Degree (Ph. D. in Buddhist Philosophy) in 1987 at Sera Jey Monastery. In 2005, Khen Rinpoche was appointed as Abbot of Gyudmey Tantric Monastery by His Holiness Dalai Lama and completed his tenure in 2008. In 2011, he was appointed as the Abbot of Sed Gyud Monastery.

After serving a year and half as Abbot of Sed Gyud Monastery, His Holiness appointed Khen Rinpoche as the 74th Abbot of Sera Jey Monastery in 2012. Khen Rinpoche has been giving extensive teachings and initiations since 1983 in India, USA, Canada, Europe, Singapore, Taiwan, Malaysia, Japan, and Indonesia. As the Abbot and Chairman of Sera Jey Monastery, Khen Rinpoche oversees over 4,000 monastic communities in India.

## **Program Description:**

With respect to Tantric Vajrayana, Hayagriva belongs to the Annutara Yoga, or Highest Yoga Practice. In times of degeneration, Hayagriva devotion and practice provides a swift and powerful means to over come negative karmic forces and obstacles in our Dharma path and daily life. Hayagriva is the one of the main deities practices of Sera Jey Monastery.

With respect to deity, Hayagriva is a wrathful emanation of Chenrezig, the embodiment of all the Buddha's compassion. Having scary depiction of "scowling face with three glaring eyes, a roaring mouth with protruding fangs, a pose of warrior's aggressiveness, a sword raised threateningly in his right hand...", Hayagriva comes to symbolize the fierce determination to help us cut through self-grasping and delusion.

## **Schedule:**

10 AM ~ 12 Noon

Hayagriva Empowerment with Practice Instructions

12 ~ 2 PM Lunch Break (Vegetarian is required on the entire

day for this empowerment)

2 ~ 4:00 PM Fire Puja

Event Registration fee: \$40 per person No one turned away due to lack of funds

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