

Deer Park welcomes Arjia Rinpoche



**Arjia Rinpoche will speak at Deer Park temple
Sunday, September 12
10:00 a.m. to noon**

Arjia Rinpoche is currently the Director of the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center in Bloomington, Indiana, appointed by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama. He was invited to Madison as part of the Tibetan Cultural Week of the Wisconsin Tibetan Association.

Arjia Rinpoche has recently published his memoirs in a book called *Surviving the Dragon: A Tibetan Lama's Account of 40 Year of Chinese Rule*. This is the story of his growing up as the reincarnated abbot in Kumbum, one of Tibet's major monasteries. In 1998, due to the strained political climate in Tibet, Arjia Rinpoche went into exile because he would not compromise his spiritual beliefs and practices. He escaped to the United States. Arjia Rinpoche is the only Tibetan high lama of Mongolian descent. Throughout his life he was tutored by specialized teachers in the area of Buddhist philosophy, sutra and tantra teachings, as well as in Buddhist art and architectural design.

He is returning to visit Deer Park where he has received some teachings from Geshe Sopa-la.

For more information about his book go to www.tmbcc.net/info/book/book.html