

The Thirteenth Dalai Lama in India

A Refugee in Kalimpong



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Portrait of the Thirteenth Dalai Lama

When Chao Erfeng, the Governor of Sichuan invaded Tibet in 1909, the Thirteenth Dalai Lama had no choice but to flee his country; he headed towards India. A few weeks after the Chinese troops entered Lhasa, the Dalai Lama's party crossed the Indian border and took residence in Darjeeling. In March 1910, the Dalai Lama was received by Lord Minto, the Viceroy in Calcutta.



An illustration of the arrival of the Dalai Lama in India

An illustration of the Dalai Lama in Calcutta



Visit to the Viceroy Lord Minto

Thubten Gyatso the Thirteenth Dalai Lama



For the Tibetan leader, his stay in India was the occasion to get acquainted with the country, the people and make friends with British officials such as Charles Bell, the Political Officer in Sikkim. After the Chinese troops were chased from Tibet in 1912, the Dalai Lama returned to Lhasa and issued a public statement on the status of Tibet.

A proclamation by the Dalai Lama



The Thirteenth Dalai Lama with Charles Bell and the Tibetan Cabinet



The Chinese troops left Tibet before the Dalai Lama's return