

謹賀新年

平成戊子貳拾年皇紀貳千六百六拾八年西曆貳千八年元旦



倫敦の自然史博物館南面門柱を飾る15枚のパネルの1枚(原圖)
黒鼠(英名:Black Rats, ラテン名:Mus Rattus)

ヴィクトリア朝華やかになりし1881年に完成したアルフレッド・ウォーターハウスの設計になる該博物館の建物には、内外随所に動植物を象った夥しい数のテラコッタ製の浮彫や彫像があしらわれています。Colin Cunningham, *The terracotta designs of Alfred Waterhouse*, Wiley-Academy, Chichester 2001

平素の疎遠を謝し、本年も宜しく御交誼の程お願い
申上げます。

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(Translation)

A Happy New Year

1st January, 20th Year of Heisei Era, Imperial Year 2668. AD 2008.
The year of Earth-elder x Rat...

One of the 15 panels on the south gate of the Natural History Museum,
London, depicting Black Mice (Latin: *Mus Rattus*).

Both the exterior and the interior of the museum buildings constructed in
1881 in the heyday of the Victorian Era are ornamented with a great number
of terracotta-made reliefs and sculptures of various animals and plants. (Colin
Cunningham, *The terracotta designs of Alfred Waterhouse*, Wiley-Academy,
Chichester 2001.)

Regards,

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