

*Season's Greetings and Best Wishes  
for  
The New Year*

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Dear friends,

It is true that a Chinese poet once wrote, "Whilst flowers are similar every year, People are not the same every year." During the last three years, the president of Indonesia changed from Habbibe to Abdurrahman and to Mrs.Megawati, whereas the directorship of the Rubber Research Station was relayed from Dr.Suharto to Dr.Ridha, and recently to Dr.Risydin. Myself is scheduled to leave here after a while when the term of my fellowship ends in March.

Besides writing up reports on my research, I would like to put a punctuation to my quest on Marquis Tokugawa's *Journeys to Djakarta*, such as shown overleaf, and have its revised English manuscript printed indue course. I think Indonesia is still an interesting country, even though what history will be written in future is unknown as anytime and anywhere else.

Herewith, I would like to express my heartily thanks to my friends in abroad as well as at home for giving me so much help, ensuring my life and work in Indonesia so enjoyable.

Yours sincerely,

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