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## *Season's Greetings and A Happy New Year*

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Dear Friends,

Looking back the past one year, I think it was an enjoyable one for myself, thanks to my friends as well as some one in the heaven. Kindly invited by Prof. Lemstra, I stayed in Eindhoven, Holland from May to July and had some occasions to visit around neighbouring countries. I was my contentment that I was able to renew friendship with a couple, old fellow colleagues at Essex, England, with whom Christmas cards were incessantly exchanged for thirty-four years without seeing with each other. I also met many other old friends but I was sorry that they were not all. Among several visitors to Japan was one of my former colleagues from Indonesia who fortunately started her PhD study in Kyoto by courtesy of professors there.

My Christmas topic this years is 'Maria Kwannon', another story from the north-east Japan (See, the legend overleaf).

Hoping the year 2006 will be a peaceful one for you and everyone.

Yours sincerely,

*Toshi*

M. Iguchi,



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