



A Kirishitan garden lantern in the garden of a mansion  
in the suburb of Tokyo

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

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Dear Friends,

While my retired life is going just as it is, it is noted that an Indonesian version of Marquis Tokugawa's "Journeys to Java" was published in September from ITB Press (ISBN: 979-3507-87-x), thanks to the year-long efforts of my young colleagues, Mesdames Ririn and Apriyanti in Bogor, for translating the famous essay full of historical and cultural topics. In October, I went to Holland again invited for a conference and a friend's sixtieth birthday party and took the opportunity to visit a friend in Catalonia and see the part of Spain for the first time. Contrary to the image from George Orwell's *Homage to Catalonia*, the atmosphere of the south European country appeared quite relaxed and peaceful. *Sagrada Familia* in Barcelona was interesting but it was my honest impression that the cathedral looked so strange, if not grotesque, as it looked quite different from those which I had seen in Köln and elsewhere.

For this Christmas, I have written a short story about a Kirishitan Garden Lantern. Please, see it overleaf.

Wishing the year 2007 will be a peaceful one for you and everyone.

Yours sincerely,

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