



Child-rearing Kwannon

Kouyasan-Kinshouji Temple, Chichibu, Saitama Prefecture
(Photographed: 27 November 2007)

Season's Greetings and A Happy New Year

December 2007

Dear Friends,

One year has passed rather monotonously for myself with no memorable event except that in February I visited Java together with several old friends of mine to guide them around famous sightseeing places. I have spent some weeks in Prof. Kanamoto's laboratory in Tokyo Science University to try to learn some secrets of natural rubber but only in vain. I am continuing the writing of some essays about the history and culture of Indonesia, *viz.*, Sunda and Java, but it is progressing at a snail's pace. I wish I could finish them in another couple of years and present the copy of manuscript, in Japanese or English, to my dear friends.

For this year's card, I have chosen a picture of a Child-rearing Kwannon which may remind you of the Virgin Mary and Infant Jesus and written its legends on the back side.

Wishing that the year 2008 will be a peaceful one for you and everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Toshi

M. Iguchi,

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