

Season's Greetings and A Happy New Year

December 2010

Dear Friends,

One year has passed quietly for me without particular event to report. I have spent much time for my hobby study on the history and culture of Java, hunting for new and antique books and once visiting ancient monuments in East Java. So far six chapters of an essay have been drafted, though not quite satisfactorily, but I wish to add a few more chapters before bunching them together in one volume and presenting its copy to my friends, could my both mental and physical conditions be maintained above critical level for another couple of years.

For this Christmas, I have written a short story of a woman who lived, and terminated her life, in the late sixteenth century when the activities of Jesuit missionary in Japan were most vigorous (See overleaf).

Wishing that the coming year will be a peaceful one for us all and the world.

Yours sincerely,

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"Circa the 5th Year of Keicho Era (1600 AD), in All-time Truehearted Pictures – Ukiyoye Review". Woodcut by Kiyochika Kobayashi (1885)
<http://www.enpaku.waseda.ac.jp/db/enpakunishik/results-black.php>



"Lady Gracia's last day", by Inshō Dōmoto (1963) in St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral, Osaka. <http://www.yomiuri.co.jp/e-japan/osaka/.....>