



The Church & Temple of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ganjuran, Bantul, Yogyakarta.
Top: Hall, Bottom: Chapel (centre) and bell tower (right). Photo: 12 February 2012

Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year

December 2012

Dear friends,

This year is ending rather sorrowfully for me, as an old friend of mine passed away suddenly in October. He was a man of culture who loved literature, music and all sorts of arts notwithstanding that he was professionally a scientist.

Of my essay on the history and culture of Java, I have decided to halt the writing and just finished up the manuscripts of both Japanese and English versions, the text of the latter having been edited by courtesy of Prof. Malcolm Mackley who kindly perused the whole 430 pages. I wish the manuscripts can be published in the near future, although I am not sure yet whether any publishers who are willing to publish an essay on such an unfashionable subject can be found.

For this Christmas, I would like to present a story (overleaf) of an exotic church in Java which I visited in February.

Wishing 2013 will be a peaceful year for you and everybody in the world,

Yours sincerely,

Toshi

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