



*The Ascension (1822)*  
oil on canvas 162.5 x 127 cm  
By John Constable.

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## *Season's Greeting and a Happy New Year*

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Dear friends,

In this season of exchanging greetings, I wish it has been a good year, or at least not a bad year, for my friends and family.

For me, time flew fast while I was spending much of my time for the publishing of my *Java Essay*, the Japanese version of which having been published from Maruzen-Planet in 2013. In May, I visited England and, with the help of my friends there, fortunately met a publisher who was willing to take on my manuscript. After that, I was busy for finalising and typesetting the manuscript, until the beginning of this month. Thanks to the excellent services of the publisher's staff, the book will soon be available as a hardback from <amazon.co.uk> and other retail bookstores, and also as an e-book from various websites.

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A friend of mine asked me what I was going to do after then. Although I wish to work one or two years more to supplement my Java study, I do not know how many years are left for me, a person who will reach his 77th birthday, a mark of longevity in Japan, in the coming year.

Wishing 2015 will be a peaceful year,

Best regards,

Toshi

M. Iguchi,