



Temple Church, Bristol (Photographed 4 April 2017 by Pentax K-3ii)



Temple Church, London (Photographed 7 April 2017 by Pentax K-3ii)

Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year

November 2018

Dear friends,

At this season to exchange greetings, I wish it has been a good year for you and your family.

This year I spent much time for writing and, after a hiatus of twenty years, submitted two papers to journals. One is a memoir of my old work on the finding of a polymer whisker which was initially intended to be put up on my own website. When the draft was circulated among friends, they told me to try to seek the possibility to publish it. The editor as well as the reviewers of POLYMER kindly appreciated the contents so that the paper will appear in a forthcoming issue as a featured article. The other is an article on the history of Java, the identification of an ancient kingdom which was recorded in the Book of Song but remained obscure. Since the manuscript was officially received by the Journal of Southeast Asian Studies, I am looking forward to hearing the editor's judgement, whether publishable or not.

In June Dr. & Mrs. Ivan Chodak from Slovakia visited Japan and came to see me. We had nice time in Nikko and downtown Tokyo.

In November, I had a trip to Gifu Prefecture for a high school reunion, when 55 old boys and girls out of 125 survivors (72%) jointly celebrated their eighty years of age.

For this Christmas, I have written a belated report on the two Temple Churches in Bristol and London which I visited during my trip to England and Netherlands last year.

Hoping that 2019 will be a peaceful year for you and everyone,

Yours sincerely,

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