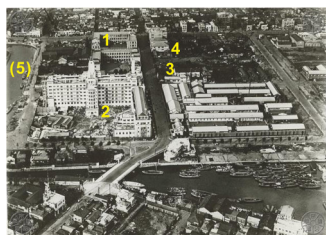




St. Luke's Chapel (1901) and the Old Building of St. Luke's International Hospital with a spire (1933). In the distance, the St. Luke's Garden Tower can be seen. (Photo by Pentax K-3iii, 5 Nov. 2021)



Tsukiji Catholic Church (1927). The gable of the Parthenon-style hall is arranged with the symbol of St. Mary. (Photo by Pentax K-3iii, 5 Nov. 2021)



Bird's eye view of Akashi-cho area. Left: Present view from the 32F corridor between the two buildings of St. Luke's Garden Tower (7 Nov. 2021 by Nikon Z6), Right: Past view in 1958 (duplicated from the Kyobashi Library Archive). **1:** St. Luke's Hospital (Old bldg.), **2:** St. Luke's Hospital (New bldg.), **3:** Tsukiji Catholic Church, **4:** Akashi Elementary School, **5:** Akatsuki Park, **(5):** Tsukiji River.

Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year

December 2021

Dear friends,

In this season of exchanging greetings, I hope you have been well during the past year, safe from the pandemic of Covid-19. I had just stayed at home, vaccinated twice, but in November I travelled to Nara and Kyoto, as the pandemic had apparently turned down for unknown reasons in Japan (Some pictures will be included in my New Year Card 2022). I also went to walk twice around the former Foreign Concession in Akashi-cho town in Tokyo to collect information for this Christmas card. The concession of about 10 hectares on the Bay of Tokyo was ceded in 1869, following up the Treaties of Amity and Commerce of 1869 signed with five foreign countries (United States, Netherlands, Russia, United Kingdom and France), and existed until the unequal treaties were revised in 1911. During World War II, the area had escaped air raids, as St. Luke's Hospital was there, and after the war the hospital was used for a while as the U.S. Army General Hospital until 1955. In the town, the Tsukiji Catholic Church was also found at its original site (detailed descriptions overleaf!).

Wishing that 2022 would be a peaceful year for you and everyone,

Yours sincerely,

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