

Editorial for Shin Buddhist 13 by Rev Esho Sasaki, IABC Chairman

It is with great sadness that we write to inform you of the passing of the following admirable and distinguished Dharma friends: Jim Pym (United Kingdom) October 20, 2020, Rev. George Gatenby (Australia) March 7, 2021, and Rev. Dr. Hisao Zuio Inagaki (Japan) June 6, 2021, respectively.

In this issue, we would like to recognize and pay tribute to our three Dharma friends and teachers, featuring internationally acknowledged Inagaki-sensei, whose guidance through his translations, academic works, and personal leadership shall always be remembered. I would also like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to those who have contributed messages and tributes to these three Buddhist aspirants. Let us walk alongside them on the Buddhist path, guided by the Jodo Shinshu teaching.

And while writing this editorial, I received another sad news that our old Dharma friend, Ms. Lily Miyasato Horio of Hawaii, passed away in October 2021. During a trip to West Germany in 1958, Lily met Harry Pieper who was known as a “European myokonin” at his residence. Since then, she supported his German Shin Buddhist group by sending funds. In this journal, we include a tribute to Ms. Lily Horio.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are unable to hold in-person gatherings as we have done so before. There is, however, hope that the 20th European Shin Conference may be held in Dusseldorf, Germany. The staff members of the Eko-Haus der Japanischen Kultur are now examining feasibility of holding the European Conference.

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