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Postponement of the 20th European Shin Conference to 2023 and Invitation to the Limited Virtual European Sangha Meeting

Dear Dharma friends,

The worldwide COVID-19 pandemic which has been raging around the world since 2020, is showing signs of ending. However, now the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which has been ongoing since February, has left many people facing life-threatening situations and has also caused anxiety for people around the world.

Under these present circumstances, the International Association of Buddhist Culture (IABC) and EKO-House of Japanese Culture have concluded that the 20th European Shin Conference, which has been postponed since 2020, in Dusseldorf must be rescheduled to **2023**, to safeguard the health and safety of the attendees and everyone involved in this conference. Once the new date of the meeting is set, we will inform you of the new details by invitation letter and on this website: <https://www.eko-gemeinschaft.eu/en/>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this postponement may cause, but we hope you will understand our decision considering the exceptionality of this very serious situation. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and understanding during these difficult times.

With the second postponement of this conference, precious opportunity for the European Shin Buddhist Sanghas to interact will be lost. We have therefore decided to hold a “**Limited Virtual European Sangha Meeting**” on the following dates and contents:

Meeting Date: September 10-11, 2022

Contents:

1st day 14:00-17:00 Presentations about “Peace” (15 min. including discussion)

2nd day 10:00-11:15 Monthly Service in English at EKO Temple

14:00-16:00 “Sangha Report about Activities under COVID-19” (15 min. incl. discussion)

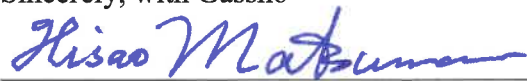
We would also like to invite you to make your own presentation or report on the abovementioned topics. If you would like to make a presentation, please inform us of your intention to make a presentation(s) at bdk@eko-haus.de by **August 15th**, 2022.

Also, if you would like to participate in this meeting, please contact us at bdk@eko-haus.de by **September 1st**. We will confirm your registration and notify you of the detailed information such as timetable, Zoom-Meeting-URL and so on as soon as possible.

For further information please refer to our website: <https://www.eko-gemeinschaft.eu/en/> or you may send an e-mail to Rev. Shoju at bdk@eko-haus.de.

In the meantime, may you, your loved ones and associates take every precaution to remain safe and healthy! We look forward to seeing you in this September or in 2023!

Sincerely, with Gassho



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