

Foreword

“Sarananda Foundation”,the charitable institution authorized by the Sri Lanka government gave us Honor Award and the Title in the International Section,which was because our educational work to support young priests and students studying abroad was highly estimated.

The Title is “Dharma Keerthi Sri Lokartha Charie”,which means to contribute to the development of Buddhism and to make efforts for the peace and the prosperity of the world.

This is due entirely to the efforts of people concerned of our educational work and to our supporters. I don't know how to express my thanks.

Last May,I attended the 30th anniversarie's ceremony of Los Angels Zen Center.The fact strongly touched me which Zen has taken root in the United States deeply even after the death of Rev. Hakuyu Maezumi.

The chief priest of Seiganji temple Seitsu Yamaguchi composed poem through observation of white men's actual Zen ascetic and discussing Zen

with them.

The title of the poem is “Visiting the Zen temple in the United States”

Coming for the question for Zen meditation and discussing Zen together.

The blue-eyes priest assumes his mantle.

Who knows the ambition of the old day’s teachings.

Listening to the pure sound of the spring outside the temple.

By the way,I visited Tohoku Welfare University as a tour of our denominations. The president Kôki Hagino says 21st century is the age of the heart,and responsible practice going along with nature and the space creates our own future.

The Buddha says people who know being content are happy,while people not knowing this are poor even they are rich. we must think over every day’s life and live with care.

Now we must be in harmony with the society,think a great deal of life and the nature,and contribute our efforts to the peace and the prosperity of the world and human race.