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Dear Friends,

We hope everything is proceeding well during this very hot month of August.

This is the invitation letter to the annual seminar organized by Soto Zen Buddhism Europe Office, to be held as planned at la Gendronnière from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October 2013.

As announced during the annual conference in May, this year seminar speaker will be Professor Seijun Ishii¹, former President of Komazawa University, a leading scholar of Sōtōzen teachings and its modern interpretation; he is also a leading expert at academic level about the traditional and modern methodologies of Buddhist studies. The title of the seminar is: “Critical interpretation and technological instruments in the study of the doctrinal foundation of Sōtōzen teachings”.

Professor Ishii will give his lessons in English language, with instant translation in French.

The seminar, organized by the Sōtō Zen Buddhism Europe Office and hosted by Sōtō Zen temple of La Gendronnière, is open as usual to external participation, with the only limit of availability of seats. So we are asking you to spread this information as much as possible between people you consider could be interested in the theme of the seminar. These people should contact: Emmanuel Risacher - Association Zen International, 175, rue Tolbiac - 75013 Paris, Tel [0033] (0) 1 4589 1400, email azi-tolbiac@wanadoo.fr to ask information to attend the seminar. Accommodation fees for members of the Association “Centre Européen du Bouddhisme Sōtō Zen” are covered by it. Travel expenses are in charge to each participant.

With prayers to answer announcing your presence or absence by 15th September. Thank you.

Best regards and wishes

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