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To
Zen-Master Wu Bong and the Teachers of the
Kwan Um School of Zen of Europe

Record

of the European Teacher Meeting on April 3rd and 4th 2004 at
Paris Zen Center.

Attendance: Zen Master Wu Bong, Grazyna JDPSN, Ola JDPSN,
Andrzej JDPSN and Roland JDPSN.

Excused: Chong An Sunim, JDPS

Absence: Myong Oh Sunim, JDPS

Topics

1. Forms:

- A) In order to take the long stick, approach the altar, bow one step before Buddha, go one step and take the stick, three steps back with the stick in both hands above, again bow before Buddha. Generally the bow before Buddha in order to take or do anything at the altar is in one step distance before the altar.
- B) It is possible to light the candles before the Special Chanting (optional).
- C) The use of our Dharma-Teacher Bowls during formal meals remain unchanged: Only for Dharma Teachers and with totally 2 clothes.

2. Zen Master Wu Bong informed us about Transmission Procedures in the future: It looks like there will be a Zen-Master-Committee consisting of the Head Teachers from Europe, Asia and USA.

3. There are two Inka-Candidates in Germany: Jo Potter and Namhee Chon

4. Wu Bong SSN gave permission to the authors of a Retreat Cooking Book in Berlin that they can use the foreword of DSSN from his book Compass of Zen. The cooking book will not be professional edited.

5. Grazyna informed the Teacher Group about the fundraising of Paris Zen Center and declared it a total failure.

6. Roland informed the Teacher Group about the project "Visual Appearance" of our letter heads and business cards etc and declared it a total failure: the commission who wanted to

realize the project couldn't finish their work, and Roland had to dissolve the commission. It was decided that Grazyna will herself propose a design and will contact Mauro from Barcelona, who is a professional designer. If Chong An Sunim wants to join the project, he is welcomed.

7. We decided to have only two Kyol Che places a year starting next year: Warsaw in summer and Czechia in winter.
8. We discussed the Summer-Kyol Che schedule 2004 for Warsaw: Wu Bong SSN will lead the last week; Roland will lead two weeks in June; Ola will lead many weeks. We would like to ask Myong Oh Sunim to lead at least two weeks and Chong An Sunim too (please try to make it possible and contact Ola to make your dates). Andrej will lead a three week Kyol Che in Lithuania this year.
9. The Teacher Group decided that no fees can be taken for interviews and regular dharma talks. For members interviews are always free. Usually non members can have three interviews free and if they want to continue with their training, they should consider to become members. Donations can be given to the Zen Center for dharma talks.
10. The Teacher Group named Kun from Brussels and Darek from Paris to establish an EU-Homepage under the www.kwanumzen.eu domain. As starting capital the Kwan Um School of Zen of Poland, France and Germany gave 25,- Euro each. The treasurer is Dorothea from Paris Zen Center.

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