



EUROPEAN SANGHA WEEKEND

Warsaw, September 2010

STUDENTS MEETING MINUTES



During the Sangha Weekend there was a Student Meeting which purpose was discussing important issues and problems of the Sangha. It came in four parts: the first on Friday evening, the second and third on Saturday and the final fourth on Sunday together with the teachers.

First three meetings were moderated by Igor Pińinski, the Lodz Zen Center Abbot. The last meeting was moderated by the Abbot of the KUSZE, Jo Potter JDPSN.

The Friday's meeting contained a presentation of the activity and highlights of European Sanghas, prepared by Katka Grofova (Office Manager for KUSZ Europe) followed by a discussion which resulted in identifying six main subjects being of greatest interest to the students:



Both of Saturday meetings were devoted to discussing the subjects mentioned above and formulating conclusions and questions to be asked to the teachers. The questions answered by the teachers as well as the report on the Sundays Students' & Teachers' Meeting can be found on KUSZE website.

These are the most interesting points and ideas which appeared during the Saturday's meetings:

1. **Zen Tourism**

--namely traveling opportunities for those, who would like to visit various European Zen Centers (at times other than YMJJs) in order to meet the local Sangha, practice together, do some sightseeing, exchange experience and know-how.

It was decided that the centers interested in the project will send information about their offer to the European Office and a special tab on the European website will be created.

First invitation came from Kosice Zen Center offering one-week stay for free (first you need to contact the Center and set the time of your visit).

2. **Dharma room items exchange between centers**

--robes, cushions, mats, tanguas, Buddha statues, moktaks, chukpis, calligraphies, etc. It was decided to create a tab on our European website with regularly updated information on where such items can be found - donated or purchase; as well as a "**Dharma Second-hand Shop**" column as a means for centers which have some spare items to be able to pass them to the ones in need.

3. Establishing **various forms of communication** between centers in order to help smaller groups in organizing YMJJ's, public meetings with teachers and Dharma talks, etc. Such groups could be supported e.g. by larger centers' members participation in such events.

4. Many of the meetings' participants were interested in various forms of **Korean Buddhist Culture Promotion**. It is important to note that for example Lithuanian Sangha has a lot of experience in this area and will gladly share it with other interested Sanghas.



We encourage you to read the answers given by the teachers to our questions (Appendix A of the Teachers' Minutes).



European local Sangha's reports were collected into a presentation. You will find that presentation on KUSZE website together with the Sangha Weekend Minutes.

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