

Minutes

KUSZ Teacher Meeting of the European Teacher Group

Sept. 23th/24th 2006 in Warsaw

Participants: ZM Wu Bong, ZM Bon Yo, ZM Bon Shim, Chong An Sunim JDPS, Andrzej Piotrowski JDPSN, Mukyong JDPSN

Guest: ZM Soen Hyang

Absent: Myong Oh Sunim JDPS

Topics

1. News and updates from the EU Head-Teacher and from Guiding-Teachers

- Myong Oh Sunim JDPS is taking leave of absence as a teacher in EU.
- Andrzej Piotrowski JDPSN reports on the Vilnius Sangha, which has become more active.

2. Planning of the Sangha-Meeting

3. Appointments of Guiding-Teachers and Abbots through the EU Head-Teacher (ZM Wu Bong)

- Andrzej Piotrowski JDPSN has been appointed as Guiding Teacher in Gdansk
- Chong An Sunim JDPS resigns as Guiding Teacher of the Czech Republic and is replaced by ZM Wu Bong
- ZM Bon Yo resigns as Guiding Teacher of the Spain Sangha and is replaced by ZM Bon Shim

4. New Inka-Process

- The Inka-process has been approved as drawn up by the High Board of Zen Masters (see appendix A)

5. Dae Bong SSN's proposal of "Senior Monks" (Soen Doek Sunim)

- The Soen Doek Sunim will be treated like Senior DT, and can conduct counselling-interviews, but no Kongan teaching.

6. The Won Kwang Sa Project (Chong An Sunim JDPS)

- Update of the construction process: the main part of the land has been purchased; construction of one building has already started; it is expected that the first building will appear next springtime; the temple will be ready to host the first Kyol Che in 2008.
- Legal foundation: Chong An Sunim JDPS and Mukyong JDPSN will come together to prepare solutions regarding the open questions and topics, which will be presented on our next meeting at Paris ZC in April 2007

7. Discussion about the European Webpage (www.kwanumeurope.org)

- the homepage is nicely designed and regularly updated

- Lithuanian, Russian and Norwegian languages are missing
- We could put news on the webpage. It could be organised through the Board of Representatives.
- Can we obtain the www.kwanumzen.eu -domain?

8. Whole World is a Single Flower Conference 2008

- ZM Bon Shim is leading the organisation committee, and will ask us specifically what kind of help she is expecting.
- Money from the precious WWSF-Conference in Singapore is available. The German Sangha is also offering financial help for starting the event.

9. Zen Master Seung Sahns Memorial Fund

- We ask the US-Sangha to provide us with informations

10. Kyol Che Rules

- Blowing ones noses is allowed in the dharma room, but it should be done in a quiet way.

11. Meeting with abbots and representatives (Board of Representatives)

- In the fruitful meeting several ideas have been exchanged: main concerns have been the creation of a European entity of our school and future networking between the national sanghas
- We decided to give this meeting between the Teacher Group and the Board of Representatives more time on our next EU-Sangha-Weekend in Paris next April
- The Board is being asked to help organising the next EU-Sangha-Weekend in Paris on April 7th and 8th, 2007. In order to do this, please contact ZM Bon Yo at Paris ZC

Prospective topics of our next Teacher Meeting on April 6th, 2007:

- Legal foundation of the Won Kwang Sah Temple (Chong An Sunim JDPS and Mukyong JDPSN)
- Forms: Bowing during Precepts Ceremony (Chong An Sunim JDPS)
- Extended meeting with the Board of Representatives
- Extended talks regarding the “Whole World is a Single Flower Conference 2008”

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Appendix

A)

Kwan Um School of Zen Inka Process

July 1, 2006

When a Zen Master wants to give inka to a student in our school, the Zen Master will form a committee of five Zen Masters and Ji Do Poep Sas to evaluate the candidate. The committee will include the Zen Master forming the committee; at least two other Zen Masters; and the candidate's guiding teacher. Ji Do Poep Sas will be eligible to serve on inka committees five years after themselves receiving inka.

The candidate will travel around to visit the committee members, who will evaluate the quality of their kong-an practice, the clarity of their life and direction, the strength of their center, and their ability to teach a sangha.

The unanimous approval of the committee members will be required. Approval will also be required by the regional Zen Master (if the candidate is from Europe or Asia) or the School Zen Master (if the candidate is from the Americas), if the regional Zen Master or School Zen Master is not already part of the committee.

After signing the teachers' compact, the approved candidate will receive inka from the Zen Master who formed their inka committee.