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### ANNUAL SPRING MEETING PLANS

The annual meeting of the Society will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. The 1993 AAS meeting will be held March 25-28 in Los Angeles. Our meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 1993, 6:30-8:30 PM, in the San Bernadino Room. The topic of our roundtable discussion will be announced in the February issue of the *Bulletin*.

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

1993 is an election year for the Society. Under the by-laws of the SSJR, the Executive Secretary calls for nominations for officers to serve a three year term. The nominations will not distinguish between the two elected offices of President and Vice-President (the Executive Secretary is appointed by the President and Vice-President). Members of the Society may nominate themselves. The ballot will consist of all nominees who receive at least three nominations. The incumbent President and Vice-President will automatically be placed on the ballot provided they have not served in an elected office more than three consecutive years and they do not otherwise decline nomination. The balloting shall be done by mail. The person with the most votes will become President and the person with the second most votes will become Vice-President. The President and Vice-President will then appoint the next Executive Secretary. The term of office will be from Fall 1993 through Spring 1996.

Please send all nominations to the Society's Executive Secretary, William Deal, Department of Religion, Case Western Reserve University, 10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106-7112, by **February 1, 1993**. Ballots will be mailed to all members shortly thereafter.

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

#### Recent and Forthcoming Publications

Masao Abe has published the book, *A Study of DO(o,SUP4(-))gen: His Philosophy and Religion* (State University of New York Press, 1991), and is preparing *Zen and Western Thought*. Second Series.

William Bodiford has published the article, "Dharma Transmission in SO(o,SUP4(-))tO(o,SUP4(-)) Zen," *Monumenta Nipponica* (Winter 1991).

Wm. Theodore de Bary has published the book, *The Trouble with Confucianism* (Columbia University Press, 1991), and is currently revising *Sources of Japanese Tradition*.

Winston Davis has published the article, "Japanese Fundamentalism: Religious and Political," in *Fundamentalisms Observed*. Eds. Marty and Appleby (University of Chicago Press), and the book, *Japanese Religion and Society: Paradigms of Structure and Change* (State University of New York Press, 1992).

Ruben Habito has published the article, "The New Buddhism of Kamakura and the Doctrine of Innate Enlightenment," *The Pacific World* 7 (1991), and the book, *ShO(u,SUP4(-))kyO(o,SUP4(-)) to sekai no itami — BukkyO(o,SUP4(-)) to kirisutokyO(o,SUP4(-)) no setten o motomete* (Tokyo: Akashi Shoten, 1991).

Paul O. Ingram has published the article, "The Power of Truth Words: KO(u,SUP4(-))kai's Philosophy of Language and Hermeneutical Theory," *The Pacific World* 7 (1991), pp. 14-25.

Winston L. King has completed the book, *Zen and the Way of the Sword: Arming the Warrior Psyche* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

Richard K. Payne has published the book, *Tantric Ritual of Japan: Feeding the Gods, The Fire Ritual of Shingon* (New Delhi: Sata Pitaka Series, 1991).

Richard Pilgrim has contributed an essay to the book, *Approaches to Teaching Murasaki Shikibu's The Tale of Genji*, Ed. Edward Kamens (Modern Language Association, Division of Publications, forthcoming).

Manabu Waida has published the article, "The Flower Contest between Two Divine Rivals: A Study in Central and East Asian Mythology," *Anthropos* 86 (1991), pp. 87-109.

## **Research in Progress**

William E. Deal is completing a book on uses and interpretations of the Lotus Sutra to legitimate political and social authority in eleventh century Japan.

## **Conferences and Workshops**

The Institute of Buddhist Studies in cooperation with the Japan Society of Northern California held a symposium entitled "The Japanese Imperial System and the Religious Culture of Japan" on May 2, 1992. Participants included SSJR members Robert Sharf, Allan Grapard, Edmund

Gilday, Robert S. Ellwood, Jr., Richard K. Payne, and Alfred Bloom. Plans are underway for the 1993 symposium on the topic of gender issues and Japanese religious culture.

Wm. Theodore de Bary was co-sponsor of the "Symposium on Civil Society in East Asia," University of Montreal, October 23-25, 1992.

### **Grants**

Richard K. Payne has received a grant from the Luce Foundation, through its faculty grants program at the Graduate Theological Union, to do research on the Shikoku pilgrimage during the 1992-93 academic year.

Jackie Stone received an NEH Fellowship for University Teachers (1992-1993) to work on Buddhist deathbed rituals (*rinjOAR(u,SUP4(-)) no sahOAR(o,SUP4(-))*) in the Heian and medieval periods.

### **Correspondence**

Leslie D. Alldritt has accepted an appointment in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Northland College.

Winston Davis has accepted an appointment as the duPont Professor of Religion in the Department of Religion at Washington and Lee University. He is currently working on a project for the H. F. Guggenheim Foundation on religion, law and violence in modern Japan.

Richard A. Gard is Consulting Editor of *Current Politics and Economics of Japan* (Comack, NY: Nova Science Publishers, Inc.).

Edmund T. Gilday has accepted an appointment in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Colorado.

Noriko (OAC(O,SUP6(-))uchi) Kawahashi is completing research on a doctoral dissertation (Princeton University) titled "Kaminchu: Divine Women of Okinawa", and will be teaching at KO(o,SUP4(-))ryO(o,SUP4(-)) International College in Nagoya.

Barbara Ruch has been awarded the First Japanese Minakata Kumagusu Prize for the Humanities "in recognition of her outstanding research on medieval Japanese literature and for her interdisciplinary achievements in the study of medieval Japanese culture." The Minakata Prize is awarded yearly to one humanist and one natural scientist who most closely reflect the international, multidisciplinary, and linguistic achievements of Minakata Kumagusu (1867-1941), who was a botanist, writer, and pioneer in the study of Japanese folk literature.

Michiko Yusa has completed a year of professional research leave in Japan where she researched Nishida KitarO(o,SUP4(-))'s intellectual biography.

Philip Yampolsky has retired and is teaching one course.

### **New Members**

Leslie D. Alldritt  
Max Moerman

### **In Memoriam**

It is with great sadness that the SSJR reports the death of Society member Joseph M. Kitagawa. Dr. Kitagawa, who joined the faculty of the University of Chicago School of Divinity in 1951, died of pneumonia on October 7, 1992 in Chicago. He was 77 years old. Dr. Kitagawa was noted for his scholarship on Japanese religion, and was instrumental in introducing the study of Japanese religion into colleges and universities throughout the United States. He was dean of the School of Divinity from 1970 to 1980, and was a founding editor in 1960 of the journal, "History of Religions."

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