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Bishop's Office Newsletter

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Bishop's Message:

Aloha from the Bishop's Office,

As we near the end of 2022, I would like to extend holiday greetings to you and your family. After two years of limited activities at our Soto Mission temples in Hawaii due to Covid-19 restrictions, it was nice to see a return of many services and activities in 2022.

2023 is the Year of the Rabbit. The rabbit is the fourth symbol in the Japanese Zodiac. If you are born in the Year of the Rabbit (*Usagi*), rejoice in knowing that you are considered as optimistic, warm, virtuous, and open minded. If Rabbits come together with sheep and boars, great positive energy arises. They are also compatible with dogs but should be wary of roosters.

Rabbits live peacefully in groups, so this zodiac animal is known to focus on the "well-being of the family." In the spirit of the rabbit's ability to leap forward, we can be hopeful that 2023 will be a year of "great forward progress in business."

With our prior experiences in life having shaped our view of the world, I invite you to look ahead to 2023 with great hope. With that hope, though, must come action. "Carpe diem!" This famous Latin phrase means to "seize the day!" I encourage you focus on the present, appreciate the value of every moment in life, and avoid postponing things unnecessarily.

Please continue to take care of yourself and your loved ones. May the Peace from the Lord Buddha's enlightenment arise in your hearts. May his teachings continue to guide you in your lives. May the love and Blessings of the temple surround you and help you find peace. I wish all of you a very Happy New Year!

In Gassho.

Bishop Shugen Komagata



ATTENTION: Please contact Rev. Shuji Komagata at 808-224-2584 or 7676shuji@gmail.com if you have any questions.

2023 Hawaii Soto Mission Buddhist Study Tour
Dates: Friday, May 26, 2023 to Friday, June 2, 2023
Destinations: Los Angeles, San Francisco Bay Area

Tour cost: \$1,600 (airfare not included)

TRIP DETAILS

<http://www.sotomission.com/2023tour>

HOW DO I REGISTER?

<http://www.sotomission.com/registration>

Registration is now open through January 15, 2023.

TOUR SUMMARY

You are invited to join the **2023 Hawaii Soto Mission Buddhist Study Tour**. The tour begins at Los Angeles Zenshuji Soto Mission's centennial celebration (also commemorating 100 years of Soto Zen Buddhism in North America) and will explore the richness and diversity of Buddhism in California. Coordinated by the Hawaii Soto Mission Bishop's Office and sponsored in part by the Hawaii Soto Mission Association, the 2023 Hawaii Soto Mission Buddhist Study Tour will visit eleven Buddhist temples and Zen Centers in Los Angeles and the Bay Area over the course of a week. Additional activities include museum visits, sightseeing, wine tasting, shopping, and eating delicious food California is famous for.

Currently, there are only 6 remaining slots open for this trip.
Additional tour seats may be added later based on demand.
Don't delay. Register today!

