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Dear Aitken Roshi,

May this Dragon Year bring you excellent health and spirit. I hope that the Buddha-Dharma shines more and more among your Sangha.

As you perhaps already know, we have been working towards the establishment of International Dai Bosatsu Zendo Kongo-ji for the past five years. Through the combined efforts and ceaseless concern of many friends the major construction of this mountain monastery is now almost completed.

In order to dedicate Dai Bosatsu Zendo Kongo-ji to the unthinkable movement of Buddha-Dharma from East to West, a week-long international Sesshin will be held in our new monastery from the evening of June 27th until July 3rd, 1976. Nakagawa Soen Roshi will conduct this Sesshin. On July 4th, with renewed Sesshin spirit, we shall celebrate the official opening of Dai Bosatsu Zendo Kongo-ji.

We would be greatly honored if you and one or two of your students could be present for this rare occasion. I believe that the transmission of Buddha-Dharma will be greatly aided by our togetherness. If your schedule does not allow you to be away for such an extended period of time, we hope that you may participate in at least the opening ceremony of July 4th. However, please note that your students are welcome to attend the Sesshin even in your absence.

Please let me know about your final decision by February 15th. In the meantime do take good care of yourself and convey my very best wishes to your Sangha.

Gassho always,

*Eido Tai Shimano*

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Abbot  
Dai Bosatsu Zendo Kongo-ji

*People interested  
in taking part  
in this sesshin  
please see the Roshi*