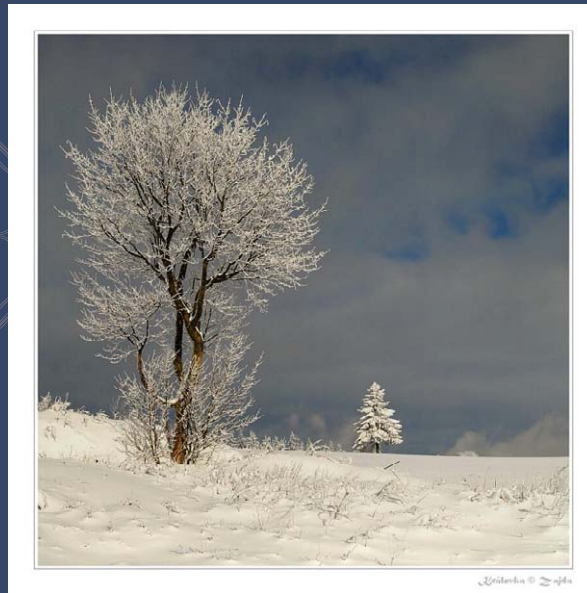


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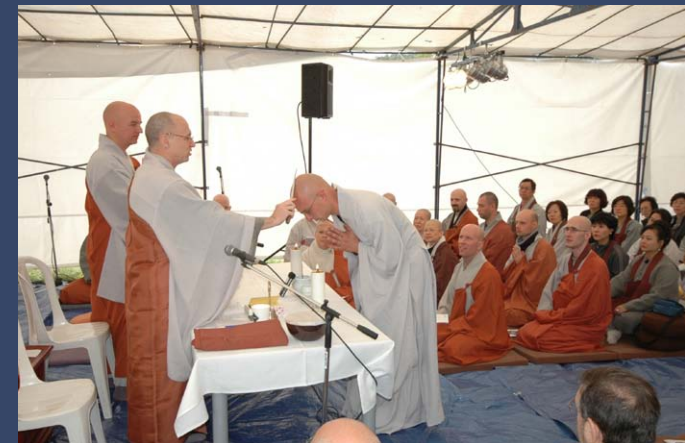


WWSF TOUR 2008 AT WKS

We had the honor this fall to host part of the 2008 Whole World is a Single Flower Tour at Won Kwang Sa. On September 26, nearly one hundred people from all over the world arrived in Hungary. After

some sightseeing, and a night spent in the nearby city of Esztergom, the tour participants traveled to Won Kwang Sa for a temple tour, a novice monk ordination, Dharma talks, and roof-tile offering. The events took place in large tents, with both Western and Korean food served for

lunch. In the afternoon, many people took a walk in the countryside around Won Kwang Sa, enjoying the superb scenery in the Pilis Mountains. The tour ended in Budapest, where we visited the city castle and took a boat ride on the Danube River.





CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

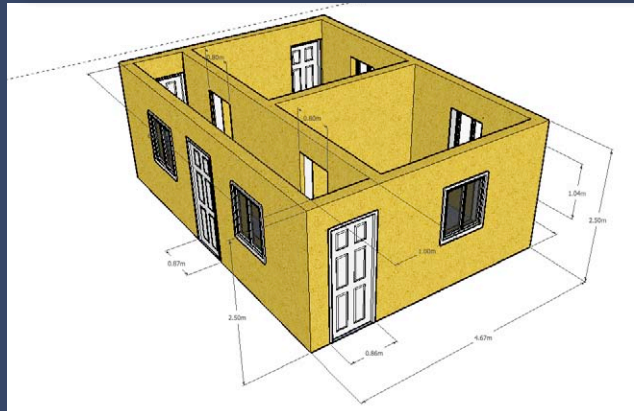
OVEN HOUSE

In the garden area next to the main building, there will be an oven house where original Korean kettles called “kamasot” will be used. There will also be traditional ovens for pizza and bread.



OFFICE BUILDING

We pulled down the old, shabby, crumbling garden house. Once we clear the construction situation, a new office building will be built there.



GARDEN HOUSE

The house next to the Won Kwang Sa garden is currently undergoing a complete renovation. When finished, this house will become a workshop and residential space.





GARDEN

After this first, experimental year, our garden is ready for the winter. All the goodies are now stored in the cellar, waiting for winter Kyol Che...



NEW HOUSE!

Last week we bought a new house, which is located right next to our garden. The house has a usage licence and will be rebuilt for residential purposes.



BIG RESIDENTIAL HOUSE

The large house owned by one of the Won Kwang Sa residents, Lukas, is now being completely renovated. When finished, it will have wired electricity, new bathrooms, a new kitchen, and two rooms for living.





LATEST NEWS!!!

On December 2, 2008 all residential houses, the Dharma room, and the main building were connected to the official electrical provider. Miracles are happening, so we carry on!



OUTLOOK FOR THE NEAR FUTURE

With the help of continuous donations from Asia, Europe and the United States we have been able to keep our daily life completely operational. With the generator off, we save 400 EUR a month. Nonetheless, the new building activities and land purchase need more funds.

As we expected, the local government denied our construction request but the county supervisory office ordered a new procedure as the documentation was found incomplete. A more carefully worked out plan and additional data are required to complete the new procedure.

For this purpose, as well as to counteract the rezoning efforts of the local government, we have hired an excellent lawyer from within the county to represent our legal matters before the local government of Esztergom. This lawyer has a long-standing experience in public administration and the related legal practices, and seems truly capable and committed to represent our case correctly.

WON KWANG SA FAMILY

Our residential family expanded recently with new family members. The long-term residents are Chong An Sunim, JDPS - the Abbot, Dok Hae Sunim - the House Master and Katka Grofova - Director.

Il Haeng HJN left at the beginning of October after one year of haenja training for further practice in Korea. She was great help and support for WKS, and we wish her lots of strength and try-mind for coming years in Korea.

Soon after HJN's departure, Sanghi Park moved to WKS for her 7-month residential training. In October, Jirka and Tam from Providence Zen Center moved in. Jirka is working as a carpenter; Tam is the new kitchen master. Few weeks later Neta Sadot from Israel moved in for long-term residential training.

Practice, work—and fun!—are now shared between more people, and if you wish to join for a shorter or longer time, you are welcome!



WINTER KYOLCHE 2009

The second Winter Kyol Che at Won Kwang Sa starts on January 3 and ends on April 3, 2009.

Entries are on Saturdays at 8:00 pm, and exits on Saturdays after breakfast.

Intensive week: February 14-21
Sangha weekend: April 4-5

The retreat fees are:

	Non-member	Member	DTIT / DT
Whole kyolche	1.100 EUR	900 EUR	820 EUR
4 weeks	430 EUR	320 EUR	290 EUR
1 week	130 EUR	110 EUR	95 EUR
Last week	150 EUR	120 EUR	100 EUR



European Head Teacher:
Zen Master Wu Bong
March 28 - April 3



Kyol Che Guiding Teacher:
Chong An Sunim, JDPS



Guest Teacher:
Jo Potter JDPSN
February 7 - 14



Guest Teacher:
Muchak JDPSN
February 28 - March 7

The teaching schedule might change, since more teachers might accept our invitation for this Kyol Che.

If you wish to join Kyol Che, please complete and return the application form. All the necessary information about Kyol Che can be found on our website, www.wonkwangsa.net. If you have any questions, please contact us at kyolche@gmail.com.

You make, you get
(Byok Am Sunim)



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