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This is the invite from Alp

The First Rinzai Zen Sesshin in Turkey

Dear Dharma Brothers and Sisters,

Please accept this message as an announcement and invitation to join us for a full 5-day sesshin that will take place in Istanbul, Turkey from the evening of April 1st to the morning of April 7th, 2012.

Since our last Rinzai Zen Sesshin in Switzerland in 2011, many of us hoped to see the Rinzai Zen Tradition extended into Turkey, the land where the influence of the East intermingled with the West for centuries. It was the final destination of the ancient Silk Road from China and the beginning of the European Renaissance in the West.

I approached the Ven. Eido Shimano, Retired Founding Abbott of Dai Bosatsu

Zendo and NY Zendo Shobo-ji. As far as I know, he is the only Rinzai Zen master who is not only bilingual in Japanese and English, but has taught in the West for over 50 years. He has agreed to come and to lead this sesshin.

As such, this will be the first international Rinzai Zen Sesshin ever held in Turkey. We will accept 20 students from the world, including the US, Europe and Japan, to sit inside a quiet building at the Polka Hotel, inside the suburban landscape of Istanbul. The cost of the sesshin, including accommodations (shared double occupancy) and meals, will be \$1000 per person, not including airfare and transportation. The airport in Istanbul is Ataturk Havalimani (IST) and the transportation from the airport to the hotel is a 45-minute taxi ride (cost ~\$50).

Information about the Polka Hotel:

<http://www.polkahotel.com/english/polka.htm>

If you are interested in attending, please fill out the form and make your deposit payment of \$250 USD as check payable to Alp Omur no later than March 8th, 2012. Send them both to:

Zensho Martin Hara

If you are located outside of the continental USA, please contact Joyo Catherine Brenner of Zurich, Switzerland to confirm your reservations.

Let's meet where East meets West.

Gassho,

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Contact Form (I forward your info to Zensho. Pls allow 7 days.)

Your name:

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With great gratitude to Eido Roshi.

This is written without his consent, approval or knowledge.

Missing
Love
Dharma

Gratitude
Loving

Eido
Eido
Roshi

Roshi

Love

With great thanks to wordle.net for the word clouds.