

Report Form Type A (Organizational Project or Publication)
of IABC Grant Aid from June 2025 thru May 2026

Date of Report: 27 / 01 / 2026
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Please type or print the following information in the blank below.

* Name of Organization Jikō-Ji – Centrum voor Shin-Boeddhisme vzw

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* Title of Project or Publication yearly grant working of Jikō-Ji – Centrum voor Shin-Boeddhisme vzw

<p>* Aim of Project or Publication</p> <p>To continue to further establishing Jikō-Ji temple and Centrum voor Shin-Boeddhisme vzw a place where the teachings of Shin-Buddhism and Shinran Shonin can be spread. A place where people can attend services, have social interactions, use the library to further their knowledge about Buddhism. To publish Eko twice a year in digital format, on paper will be supplied for IABC/ Rev. Esho Sasaki and Rev Masako Sugimoto/Hongwanji Propagation Department (former International Center).</p>
<p>* Summary of Project or Publication (description of contents and procedures)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We did 3 memorial ceremonies for Japanese families living in Europe (one family from the Netherlands, one family from Belgium and one family from Switzerland) - Held open temple day where also a few teachers - Holding regular ceremonies and also celebrating the Jodo-Shinshu special occasions. - Jikō-Ji was visited by Parcum, an organization that works around religious heritage in Belgium, Jikō-Ji was asked to work on future projects since we are one of the oldest Buddhist

Sangha/Temple in Belgium.

- Alain De Preter represented Jikō-Ji and Centrum voor Shin-Boeddhisme vzw at the meetings from the Belgian Buddhist Union working towards the recognition of Buddhism in Belgium as an official religion.

This year we received a gift from €1000 from one of our Sangha members.

Alain De Preter paid this year the membership fee for the Buddhist Union of Belgium, garbage collection fees, flowers for all the ceremonies, and some material for necessary repairs.

*** Current State of Progress**

- Digitizing the archive is about 30% finished by now. After digitizing it has to be reworked in order to republish it in digital or paper-form.

*** Results**

- More Japanese families contacted us in the last year to do a memorial ceremony
- Two people from the Netherlands travel every month to attend and participate in a ceremony
- 56 people visited Jikō-Ji during the open temple day
- One teacher with her class came to visit with her students to get an introduction of Buddhism
- The Faculty of comparative Religion came with some students to visit Jikō-Ji and attend a ceremonie.

*** Future Prospects**

- Continue to digitize and convert the archive and writings of Shitoku Peel in order to republish them in dutch language. Many texts need to be converted which will take a lot of time.
- Continue Eko
- Continue our regular ceremonies
- Make booklets that inform about the correct way to follow a ceremony, when what will happen, explanation in the dutch language.
- Have more moments that people can visit Jikō-Ji
- Make a new website for Jikō-Ji more future oriented
- Do online ceremonies for Buddhist refugees from Myanmar in Northern Thailand that do not have access to Buddhist contact/teachings since they are living in jungle area.
- We are thinking of other ways to have income for the temple since we do not ask for any money to attend a ceremony. We would like to keep attending a ceremony free for everyone while at the same time organizing more activities to have more funds.
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- The temple hall and meeting area are not isolated and this needs to be addressed in the next year we will do a study to see what has to be done to lower costs for heating. At this time the house is only heated when there is a ceremony or when there are visitors, which is not ideal for the house in the long run.

* Report of Expenditure			
Description	Amount Paid	Description	Amount Paid
Bank costs	€70,00	Government taxes	€1489,00
Postal costs	€39,30	Membership fees	€220,00
Insurance	€610,77	Eko, activities and open temple day costs	€414,59
Maintenance heating system	€215,38	Rental and service for digitalizing old Jikō-Ji archive (part 1)	€2.400,00
Renovation and repairs	€248,47	Heating, water and electricity costs	€1340,23

Total € 7.047,74

We hereby certify that all the above information is correct. We agree that any of this information is released to the committee members of IABC and the third-party committee for the IABC Grant Aid, and disclosed on the IABC website. We will provide additional information if requested.

Signature of Organization Member One Alain De Preter

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Signature of Organization Member Two Jan Marstboom

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