

**Report Form Type A (Organizational Project or Publication)  
of IABC Grant Aid from June 2016 thru May 2017**

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\* Title of Project or Publication Support Amidaji Retreat Temple and Tariki Dojo Bucharest - the two centers of the Association

<p><b>* Aim of Project or Publication</b></p> <p>1) To support the activities of Amidaji in Calopar village, near Craiova, and the continuation of the construction work at this temple. 2) to support the activities of Tariki Dojo București (Bucharest)</p>
<p><b>* Summary of Project or Publication (description of contents and procedures)</b></p> <p>We provided free of charge, the following services to the Romanian public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- discussions on the Buddhist teaching and culture with the special emphasize on what is useful for ordinary people in their daily life, on what can actually help them to live peacefully and in harmony in our contemporary world</li> <li>- courses, seminars</li> <li>- documentaries about Japanese Buddhism and Buddhist culture</li> <li>- access to the public library of the Association</li> <li>- help and support to students and professors in writing essays and papers related with Buddhist teachings and Buddhist culture;</li> </ul>

- sending packages with books, audio&video materials to universities and public libraries in the cities and to individual people who asked for them
- offering of a place for the few Buddhist traditions that are present in Romania to present their teachings, history and culture to the Romanian public.
- publication for free distribution and in Romanian language of translations, essays and books related with Buddhist culture.
- retreats of a few days for intensive study of the Buddhist teaching

We continued the construction activities at Amidaji Temple:

- added a liquid thermal insulation to the inside walls of the little Hondo (Dharma Hall) and did various other works to maintain it
- built a wooden library and arranged its interior with book shelves, beds and a stove . Visitors from various towns and even from abroad who wish to study Buddhist teachings and culture can now stay for some time at the temple and receive free accommodation in the library. In the summer of 2016 we had our first visitor from Brasil who came and stayed for a few days and did various study activities. More visitors from outside of Romania already announced their visit for 2017.
- bought a shelter tent which is very useful against the sun heat, a shower cabin and two portable showers to make the visitors who stay for a few days feel more comfortable
- built a wooden toilet
- added 16 new boxes of books to Amidaji library
- installed two stoves, one in the Hondo (a stove on gas) and the other in the library ( a stove on wood) so that we can have activities in the cold season, too
- planted six new trees in the courtyard of Amidaji and seeds of dog rose (rosa canina) on the whole East side of the fence
- repairing works of the library of the temple and the wooden toilet after it was damaged by a powerful storm (November-December)

You can see a detailed description of expanses related with Amidaji in the section of Report of Expenditure.

#### \* Current State of Progress

The funds given by IABC were mostly used for paying the rent and other necessities related with Tariki Dojo Bucharest and for the continuation of building activities at Amidaji temple.

The financial aid sent by IABC during the fiscal year of 2016-2017 was not enough to cover all the expanses related with the rent and activities in Bucharest, as well as for the construction work at Amidaji. Thus, I added new funds from my personal income (Adrian Gheorghe Cirlea) and from other small donations made by members and participants to our activities. Some funds also came from selling my books online.

Amidaji is now open for visitors who come from other towns, and even from other countries. Visitors who wish to study Buddhist teachings and culture can now stay for some time at the temple and receive free accommodation in the library that we built in 2016. They also receive meals and other necessities. No taxes or fees are asked for participation in the activities of Amidaji.

## \* Results

We were able to continue our activities for the public benefit in Bucharest and at Amidaji, near Craiova as I previously explained, at the section *Summary of Project or Publication (description of contents and procedures)* of this report (see above).

We made a very important step forward in the Amidaji project, by building the library and other facilities for visitors, like shower, eating tent and a toilet.

## \* Future Prospects

We plan to do the following things at Amidaji complex in the next year

- build a kitchen
- improve the present accommodation facilities for visitors who wish to spend more days and nights for study
- build a winter bathroom
- build a big gate for Amidaji complex
- to strengthen the wooden walls and roofs of the Hondo (Dharma Hall) and Library by adding a new layer of wood and thermal insulation on them. This will prevent damage if a new powerful storm will occur again at Amidaji, like it happened in November 2016
- to make beautiful alleys inside Amidaji courtyard
- to continue with the creation of a beautiful garden and a small park inside the property which should harmonize itself with the Hondo, library and accommodation buildings, and generate a suitable and relaxed atmosphere for study. Thus, we plan to add more trees in 2017 and some floral arrangements, if possible.

If enough funds will be available, there is always the need to build more accommodation facilities.

We also intend to continue our activities as usually at Tariki Dojo Bucharest, and we are looking forward to the prospect of opening new dojos/centers with Buddhist libraries in other cities and towns of Romania, all free of charge and with voluntary members, which has always been our fundamental policy.

## \* Report of Expenditure

Description	Amount Paid	Description	Amount Paid
Total expenses related with Tariki Dojo București	300 per month x 12 months = 3600 euro	rent, water, electricity, internet access, etc	
Travel for related activities and lectures outside Craiova and București (Bucharest)	200 euro per year	Train tickets and accomodation	
Funds spent for Amidaji temple	3689 euro	- payed some taxes related with the little Hondo (Dharma Hall) - <b>220 euro</b> - added a liquid thermal insulation (AKTIV THERM) to the inside walls of the little Hondo <b>170 euro.</b> - other expanses related with	

		<p>various works done at the temple during this visit - <b>100 euro</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- continued the work on the inside walls of the Hondo, bought a carpet, etc <b>150 euro</b></li> <li>- built a concrete platform (15 sacks of cement, wire, gravel, three workers, etc) <b>290 euro</b></li> <li>- ordered a wooden house (this was built in the factory and assembled on the concrete platform in the temple courtyard) around <b>1027 euro</b></li> </ul> <p>The two persos who helped me to install the wooden house were payed with <b>110 euro</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- added a water insulation between the wooden walls of the library and the concrete platform, and I painted the walls with a protective formula against sun and rain. The water insulation paste, wood paint, and other necessities - <b>143 euro</b></li> <li>- shelter tent which is very useful against the sun heat, a shower cabin and two portable showers - <b>220 euro</b></li> <li>- added glass to the windows of the little library of Amidaji - <b>10 euro</b></li> <li>- carpet (<b>60 euro</b>) and five shelve units (<b>59 euro</b>) for the books</li> <li>- transport from Bucharest to Amidaji of 16 boxes of books for Amidaji library - <b>100 euro</b></li> <li>- two stoves were bought and installed at Amidaji, one in the Hondo (a stove on gas) and the other in the library ( a stove on wood). Total ammount spent to buy them, plus the funnels and various additional materials for instalation, payment of two workers to install them, etc - <b>400 euro</b></li> <li>- bought two beds for visitors who come at Amidaji - <b>60 euro</b></li> <li>- bought wood for winter time - <b>200 euro</b></li> <li>- six new trees were planted in the courtyard of Amidaji and seeds of dog rose (rosa canina) on the whole East side of the fence - <b>70 euro</b></li> <li>- repairement works of the library of the temple and the wooden toilet after it was damaged by a powerful</li> </ul>	
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		storm (November-December) - <b>300 euro</b>	

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.

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