

**Report Form Type A (Organizational Project or Publication)
of IABC Grant Aid from June 2018 thru May 2019**

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

* Aim of Project or Publication
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)
* Summary of Project or Publication (description of contents and procedures)
We provided free of charge, the following services to the Romanian public: - 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 - courses, seminars - documentaries about Japanese Buddhism and Buddhist culture - access to the public library of the Association - help and support to students and professors in writing essays and papers related with Buddhist teachings and Buddhist culture;

- 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. Guests from Canada and various parts of Romania attended these retreats

New trees and bushes planted

We started this year in Spring with planting new trees in Amidaji garden and a lot of bushes around the fence. We intend to cover all the fence of Amidaji with green bushes so that it becomes more isolated from outside views. Thus, until now we planted 20 tibetan goji on the eastern fence of the temple land, and 26 sea berry on the Western fence. We also added three Paulownia Tomentosa (Empress Tree/Kiri Tree).

Winter Bathroom:

For many people to have a bathroom is no big deal, but here at Amidaji was something very much needed, especially for the cold season. Until now visitors who stayed in retreat for a few days in spring and summer could use the outside solar shower, but there was no facility for the cold season and winter. Now we finally built a small bathroom. General conditions are still poor, as the village where Amidaji is located does not have a running water system or sewerage, so the water used for the shower and the small reservoir above the washbasin we have is taken from our well and still heated on the stove, but it certainly is an important step forward. Next year we will upgrade this bathroom and build a new toilet cabin out of bricks where we'll install a flushing toilet to replace the present peasant – style wooden toilet from the garden.

New space for guests and guest room:

A new guest room for those who visit Amidaji temple is now available. This new guest room can be used if the library is already occupied. Here there is a small altar with a myogo. All guest rooms will have a small altar with a myogo and/or statue of Amida.

A new electrical system is also installed in the new place for guests. Our member Gansen Catalin Suru is working on it, but he will advance more after the cold season is over.

Other things:

The space inside the library of Amidaji was re-arranged and a desk was added for those who wish to stay some time at Amidaji and study. Also a better internet is now available there.

An outside altar made of bricks was also installed and people can place candles and incense sticks inside it. They enjoy worshipping there as well. A small Amida image is tied to this outside altar.

A tent was added to the inventory of Amidaji and it is used for guests or members who wish to sleep in it during our retreats.

A lawn mower on gas was also bought and it's very useful for cutting the grass in Amidaji courtyard. This grows very fast and it must be cut once in two weeks or even more often during spring and summer.

Firewood was also bought as each winter we also have visitors and Nembutsu services.

You can see a detailed description of expenses 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 the above activities at Amidaji temple.

The financial aid sent by IABC during the fiscal year of 2018-2019 was not enough to cover all the expenses related with the rent and activities in Bucharest, as well as for the above 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 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 and in the new place for guests we arranged in 2018. They can also use the tent we have or bring their own tent. Amidaji has enough space in its courtyard to accommodate many tents. Visitors also receive meals and other necessities. No taxes or fees are asked for participation in the activities of Amidaji. We strongly believe in the fact that the Buddhist teaching should be offered for free to all people, without any discrimination. Only free will donations are accepted. Also, we do not practice the idea of “suggested donations”. We don’t suggest any amount, and visitors and members offer their work, time or free will donations in accordance with their possibilities.

* 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 winter bathroom and arranging a new place for guests.

* Future Prospects

We plan to do the following things at Amidaji complex in the next year or years, depending on the funds we’ll have and the unforeseen circumstance that may occur:

- upgrade the bathroom
- build a new toilet cabin out of bricks where we’ll install a flushing toilet to replace the present wooden toilet from the garden
- improve the present accommodation facilities for visitors who wish to spend more days and nights for study
- build a kitchen

- a big gate for Amidaji complex
- continue to plant trees and bushes or replace the damaged ones. The plan is to have 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..
- to make beautiful alleys inside Amidaji courtyard
- build a new, larger Hondo (Dharma Hall) from bricks and transform the actual one into library, and the actual library to remain an accommodation place for visitors and people in retreat (perhaps this cannot be done in the next year)

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 accommodation	
Funds spent for Amidaji temple	150 euro	New trees and bushes planted	
	1200 euro	- expenses related with heating the temple (Hondo and library) during autumn and winter, and various other maintenance expenses, and facilities for guests, land taxes	
	1000 euro	- winter bathroom	
	900 euro	- new space for guests and guest room	
	100 euro	- outside altar made of bricks	
	120 euro	- a tent	
	230 euro	- lawn mower on gas	

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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