

**Report Form Type A (Organizational Project or Publication)
of IABC Grant Aid from June 2017 thru May 2018**

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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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 Brasil, Northern Ireland and various parts of Romania attended these retreats

We continued the construction activities at Amidaji Temple:

- planted new trees, flowers and fruit bushes
- added some wood pillars to the walls of the Hondo and library of Amidaji to strenghten them. Then the pillars were fixed with strong nails on the concrete platform.
- added a layer of polystyrene (10 cm thick) on the walls of both buildings
- added a layer of polystyrene (3cm) under the roof of both buildings
- added some a strong construction net and a mixture over the polystyrene to better fix it on the walls
- added a good painting over everything at the end of the work
- added a drainage system for rain water

The layer of polystyrene will keep cold in the summer and warm during winter. The wooden pillars make the Hondo and Library better suited to resist against storms and harsh weather conditions.

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 2017-2018 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 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 strenghtening the Hondo and library of Amidaji which are now safer during harsh weather condition and more welcoming during both hot and cold seasons.

* Future Prospects

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

- build a new, larger Hondo (Dharma Hall) from bricks and transform the actual one into library, and the actual library to remain an accomodation place for visitors and people in retreat
- 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 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. We will add more trees in 2018 as we usually do in every year and some new floral arrangements, if possible.

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 expanses 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	2100 euro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - added some wood pillars to the walls of the Hondo and library of Amidaji to strenghten them. Then the pillars were fixed with strong nails on the concrete platform. - added a layer of polystyrene (10 cm thick) on the walls of both buildings - added a layer of polystyrene (3cm) under the roof of both buildings - added some a strong construction net and a mixture over the polystyrene to better fix it on the walls - added a good painting over 	

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	1200 euro	- expanses related with heating the temple (Hondo and library) during autumn and winter, and various other maintenance expanses, and facilities for guests	

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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