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Japanese Buddhist Temple,
60 Lake Rd., Calcutta-29.
May 25th, 1956.

Dr. R. V. I.
To: Dr. Rörich,
Coorketi,
Durvin Dhara,
Kalimpong.

Dear Dr. Rörich,

First of all I have to apologize for this delay in writing you. Since I came back, I have been involved in the busyness of the Preparation for the Buddha Jayanti celebration. To spend my important time for the purpose of this festival merrymaking was rather painful for me, but it was difficult to stand outside so long as I am staying at this temple. Functions that continued for three days were successfully over last evening and anyhow I got time of my own.

Undoubtedly it gave me a great pleasure that I was able to meet you, and I am extremely thankful for your kind welcome. Unconsciously I passed a long time and was afraid afterwards that I had disturbed your study very much. I have an intention to proceed with my study into the field of non-canonical Tibetan works. Though the main purpose of my studying abroad in India is to get proficiency in reading Sanskrit texts with the help of authoritative Indian scholars, colloquial Tibetan is also the subject which cannot be easily studied after going back to Japan. I am very eagerly longing for the publication of your Tibetan grammar.

Dr. Nagao of Kyoto University, who is now in Ceylon, wrote to me that he is intending to visit Kalimpong before he flies to Kathmandu. I will accompany with him to Kathmandu but I won't go to Kalimpong this time.

I enclosed herewith a copy of the photo which I took last time. Because of the dark weather, the picture was not so clear. Kindly keep it for a souvenir.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

M. Hattori
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