ANNOUNCEMENT

As a result of the mutual communication and discussion among the four Zen Masters of the present Sanbo-Kyodan (Yamada Ryoun, Kubota Jiun, Willigis Jäger, Gundula Meyer), it was agreed on January 11, 2009 as follows:

- 1) Willigis Jäger formally leaves the Sanbo-Kyodan to found an independent sangha of his own.
- 2) Willigis Jäger does not officiate as a Zen Master of the Sanbo Kyodan.
- 3) The Sanbo-Kyodan and Willigis Jäger with his sangha maintain a friendly relationship with each other. The students in his sangha may feel free to take part in zazenkai, sesshin, kenshukai, and other activities of the Sanbo-Kyodan. Also, the Zen-teaching staff of the Sanbo-Kyodan (Assistant Zen Teachers, Zen Teachers, Associate Zen Masters, and Zen Masters) may, if need be, freely support Willigis Jäger's sangha with necessary activities. In this spirit of mutual encouragement the two parties will continue doing their very best to foster the real spirit and the substance of true Dharma in the future.

Agreed and signed by:

Yamada Ryoun

Willigis Jäger_

Holzkirchen, January 11, 2009