

In the fields at the end of May



Inside the greenhouse are cucumbers and tomatoes.



Greenhouse and newly planted cucumbers  
To the left is last year's weed compost.

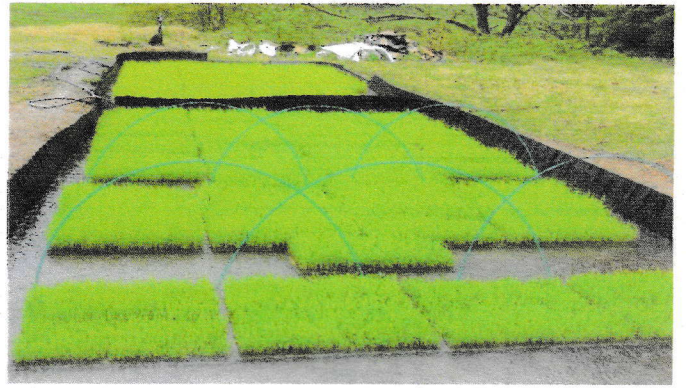


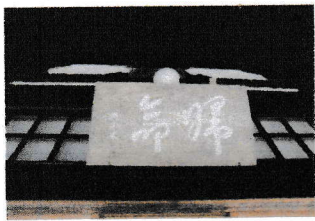
potato field

Spring leafy vegetables



We successfully finished planting rice again this year.





On March 13th, the anniversary of the passing of Master Kōshō Uchiyama, we offered a Kimyo-Gawara and performed a memorial and gratitude sutra recitation.



New location of roof tiles



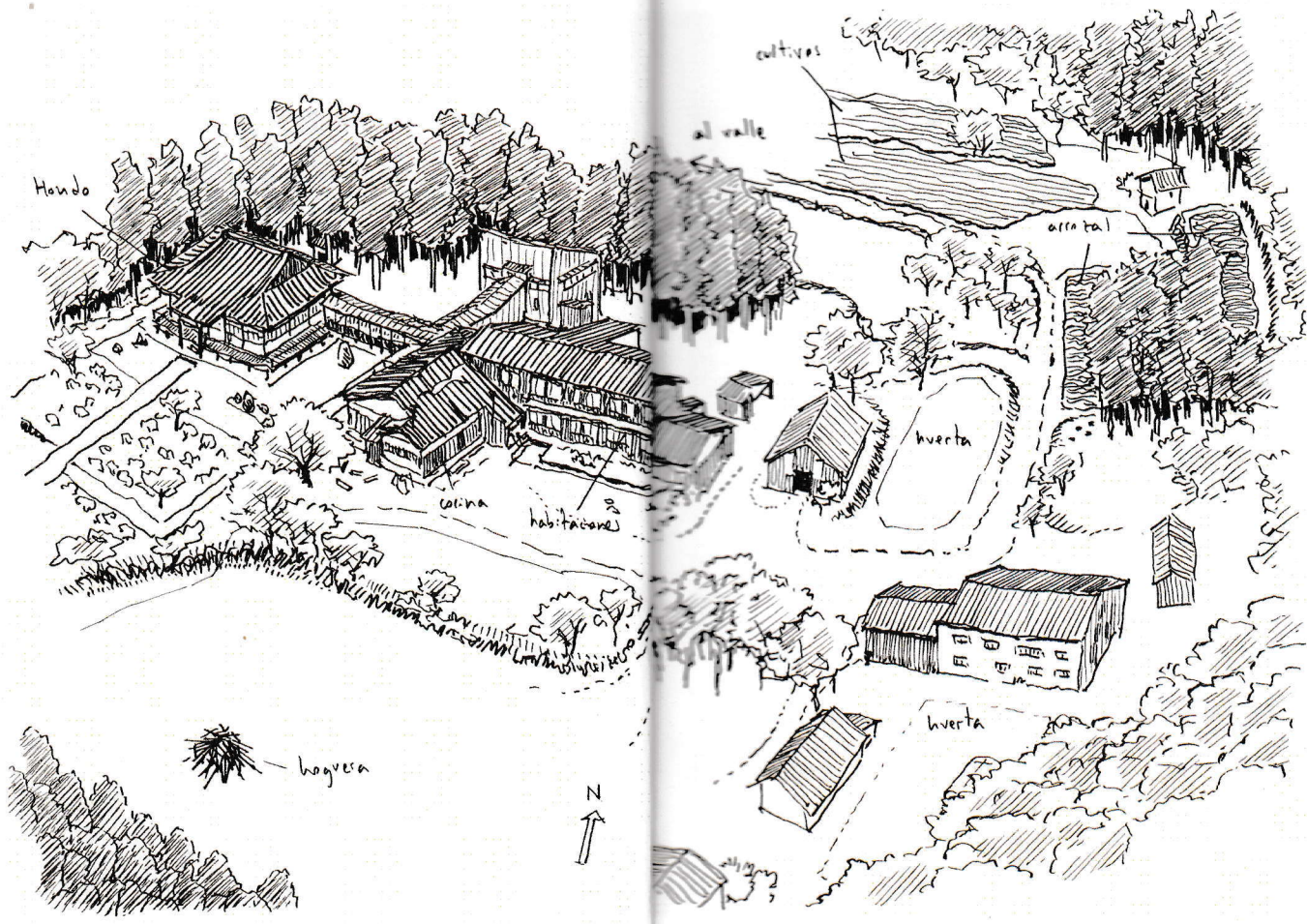
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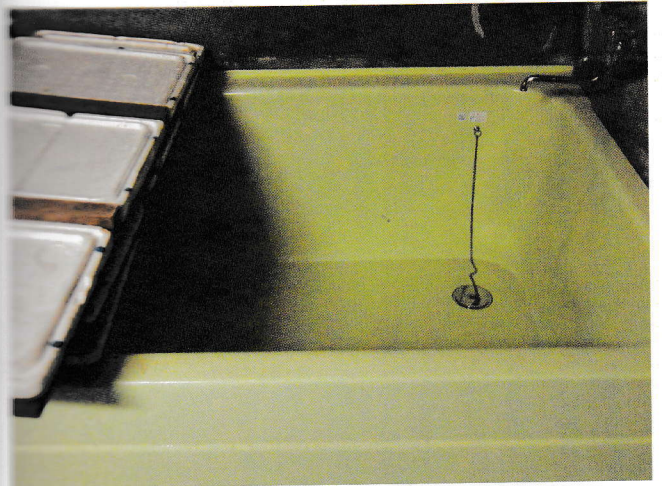
紫竹林安泰寺は曹洞宗に属し、大正十三年丘宗澤によって  
 曹洞宗宗学研究の学堂として開創された。  
 以来幾多の学匠を輩出し、同宗近代の伝統宗学はこの学堂に  
 よって継承発展した。  
 第二次大戦中には荒廢の一時期もあつたが昭和二十四年  
 沢木興道と内山興正の師弟が入寺し、道元禪師の只管打坐を  
 綿密純粹に行持する道場として再興された。  
 坐禪と托鉢行に徹した簡素な修行道場はいつしか世に知られる  
 ところとなり参拝の上は国内ばかりではなく世界各地から  
 集うようになった。  
 しかし修行者の増加に加えて周囲の空地化による騒音は、  
 坐禪道場としての条件をみたすことができなくなつた。  
 昭和五十一年、若き修行者たちは安泰寺草創の地に  
 「祖門興道大和尚遷化の地」の碑を残して新天地を但馬久斗山  
 に求めた。自給自足、坐禪修行の日常は、一日不作、一日不食の  
 百丈山の行状を思わせる。ここに安泰寺略記を誌し久斗山  
 安泰寺の禅風とこしえに輝くことを願うものである。  
 安泰寺青録有志謹識

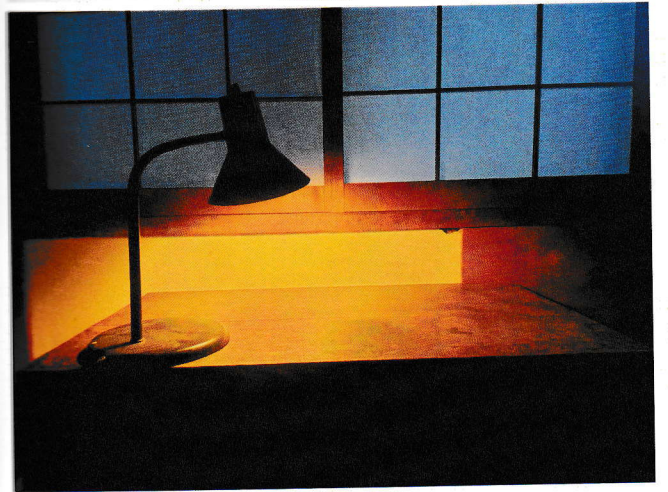


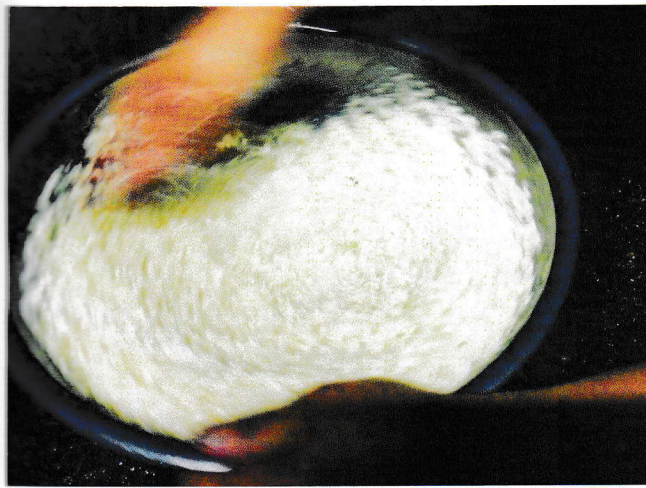
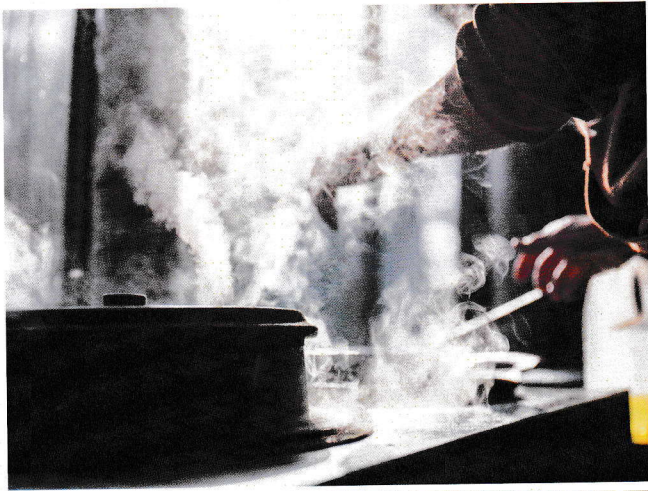




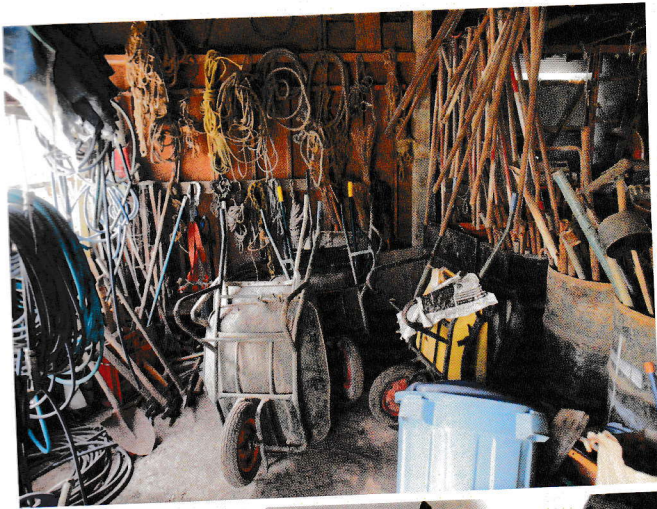
















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As the sun's rays grow stronger with each passing day, we can feel that summer is upon us. We sincerely hope this message finds you in good health. Please allow us to express our sincere gratitude for your warmth and generosity in continuing to support Antaiji.

This year, 2026, marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of Antaiji at Ikeganaru, Kutoyama. As we reflect on the half-century of Zen practice here, we can feel echoes of the many stories of countless individuals reflected in the amber-colored wood of the meditation hall.

This land has a dam that provides us with clean water. It is thanks to this dam that we have sufficient water for daily life and crop cultivation. Also, thanks to the rice paddies and fields that have been cultivated and developed, we are provided with enough crops to support our spiritual practice. We have a living quarters protected from rain, wind, and the scorching sun, and a Hondo (本堂 Our meditation hall) where we can practice zazen in deep stillness.

Because of our many predecessors, who undertook the monumental construction work that we could never accomplish today, we are able to continue our practice, for which we are ever grateful.

To commemorate this milestone and express our thanks, and to pray for the continuation of our practice at Antaiji, we have created a small photobook and a Kimyo-gawara (a roof tile ornament) for you. The Kimyo-gawara was made from tile pieces left over from when the Hondo roof was replaced last year. The tiles of the Hondo have watched over our zazen for fifty years, through rain and snow. It has now taken this new form, adorned with the zen term "Kimyo" (歸命), which approximately means "Return to the fundamental source of life", as is displayed on the front of the meditation hall. The rest of the roof tiles have been transformed into tile art in the Zen garden in front of the hall, a joy to look at.

While traditionally a commemorative service might be conducted, we believe that diligently continuing our daily zazen practice is the greatest way to repay our gratitude. May this letter and commemorative gift serve as our sincere expression of appreciation on this fifty-year anniversary. We sincerely hope that you will be able to feel the spirit of the Kutoyama mountains, as well as the fifty-year history of Antaiji, through the enclosed photobook and Kimyo-gawara.

We intend to continue to cherish and protect this rich natural environment and Antaiji's temple grounds, which our predecessors have left to us, and to continue our pure and unadulterated practice. We humbly request your continued guidance and kindness, and sincerely pray for your health and wellbeing.

If you are ever nearby, by all means, we would be delighted to have you visit.

June 3, 2026

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