

Hawaii Buddhist Council invites you to the

2020 Virtual Bodhi Day Service

Over 2500 years ago on December 8th in the Mahayana Buddhist tradition, the 35 year old former prince and seeker Siddhartha Gautama became enlightened under what is now called a Bodhi tree. Referred to hereafter as the awakened one, The Buddha spent the rest of his life spreading the teachings targeted towards relieving the suffering of sentient beings. Celebrated by Buddhist denominations around the world, Bodhi day is an occasion to reflect on how we may be able to follow his example.



Date: Sunday, December 6, 2020

Time: 9:30 am HST

Speaker: Reverend Dr. Kenneth Tanaka

Place: The service is online only and will broadcast live at the HBC Youtube page: <https://bit.ly/3pHKOsD>

Free and open to the public

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Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kenneth Tanaka

He is Professor Emeritus at Musashino University, Tokyo. Educated at Stanford Univ. (B.A.), a temple in Thailand, Institute of Buddhist Studies (M.A.), Tokyo University (M.A.), and Univ. of California at Berkeley (Ph.D.). His publications include *The Dawn of Chinese Pure Land Buddhist Doctrine*, *Ocean: An Introduction to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America* and *Amerika bukkyo (American Buddhism)* (in Japanese). He has served as president of two academic associations, and his books have been translated into Japanese, Chinese, and Portuguese.



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