



**Invitation to the Press Conference
24th April 2008**

**Temple Treasures of a Sacred Mountain
Daigo-ji - The Secret Buddhism in Japan
25 April - 24 August 2008**

On display in Germany for the first time is the magnificent temple treasure from one of the most ancient monasteries in Japan: Daigo-ji. The exhibition shows 160 outstanding works, including large sculptures, valuable paintings and scrolls, exquisite ritual objects, artistic calligraphy, sutras – the sacred writings of Buddhism – and historical documents, of which an hitherto unseen contingent of national treasures and important cultural property. The exhibition offers viewers an introduction to the esoteric Buddhism of Japan and showcases the mountain monastery Daigo-ji as a first-class culture bearer, also a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1994. The Daigo-ji monastery south of Kyoto with a history reaching back more than 1100 years was founded in 874 A.C. The monastery has been preserved up to our day as one of the most influential religious centres and pilgrimage site.

**The press conference will be held on 24th April 2008 at 11.00 a.m. in the
Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany.**

Please register by Fax (+49/228/9171-211) or E-Mail (ferreira@kah-bonn.de). **Extensive essays and photo material are available at the press office or www.bundeskunsthalle.de. Please direct all requests for interviews to this office.**

We are looking forward to your visit.

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