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## The garden of the deceased

It is possible to ask for the ashes of a deceased person to be placed in the garden of the deceased. This responsibility is in the remit of AZG since it clearly comes under the branch of the association connected to practice. AZG therefore holds the legal registers, manages all requests, and maintains the garden of the deceased as well as the house of the ancestors (Shido)

All requests for information should be addressed to

AZG Zen Temple of La Gendronniere 41120 Valaire France



Buddhist Association of Soto Zen Temple of La Gendronniere



Helping the development of the Zen Temple of la Gendronnière

The practice of giving, *dana paramita*, is the first Buddhist practice. Monasteries and temples have always been created and maintained thanks to the gifts of practitioners.

Gifts made to AZI in the life of a donor or after their death are heavily taxed. Therefore the spiritual council of AZI decided to create a cultural association with the aim of maintaining and developing the Zen Temple of La Gendronniere, AZG.

You will find answers to your main questions below.

AZI and AZG are two structures which complement each other perfectly, designed to go together in perfect harmony. The members of AZG are monks and nuns approved by the administrative council of AZG. As the first Zen Temple in the West, the Temple of La Gendronnière has the role of radiating and spreading the Dharma in Europe. This was the dearest wish of its founder, Master Taisen Deshimaru, and this cannot be realised without the generosity of the great Sangha of AZI.

The Spiritual Council



## What is a cultural association in France?

Religious associations which devote themselves exclusively to financing and organising ceremonies, the practice of religious rites, which can be public, are said to have a cultural aim.

AZG can receive donations and legacies (as associations recognised as of public value) free of any Inheritance Tax. (1)

All the same, gifts made to AZG are tax deductable on the income of any donor resident in the European Community. (2)

(1) Court of Justice of the European Union : Ruling of 10 Feb 2011 Affaire Missionwerk vs Sate of Belgium Cf. Aff C-25-10 can be viewed on the internet.

(2) Court of justice of the European Union : Ruling of 27 Jan 2009 Affaire Pershe/Finanzamt Bank Cf Aff C-318/07 viewable on the internet.

## What will the gifts, legacies and donations be used for?

AZG has as its goal the development of Soto Zen at La Gendronnière in total co-operation and harmony with AZI. All gifts received will go towards the improvement, maintenance, and renovation of all the buildings associated with Zen practice.

## Why does there need to be an association linked to Zen at La Gendronnière?

The Soto Zen Buddhist association of the Temple of La Gendronnière(AZG) was created in 2007. AZG has as its goal the organisation of the practice of Soto Zen on the premises of the Temple of La Gendronnière:

- to support the costs of the maintenance, repair and management of the areas dedicated to the practice: the large dojo, small dojo, the kesa sewing room, the apartment of the founder, Master Taisen Deshimaru.
- to manage and maintain the garden of the deceased, the house of the ancestors and to hold all the registers required by law.
- to register ordination ceremonies and in a general way, organise ceremonies and commemorations at the Zen Temple of La Gendronniere.
- to make training retreats available for ordained people as well as those responsible for dojos and zazen groups.

AZI, the owner of the place, delegates all these functions to AZG.

AZG has signed a convention with AZI giving permission for the use of certain areas specific to practice in return for a reimbursement.

THE GREAT DOOR OF GIVING IS OPEN AND ADORNS EVEN THE NINE PARADISES. GO BEYOND THE WORDS LOVE AND HATE. THIS IS TO TURN THE WHEEL OF DHARMA. THE WIND OF THE ACTIONS OF BENEFIT TO BEINGS AND THE UNITY OF THE SELF AND THE OTHER BREATHES WITHOUT EVER STOPPING. THE SPRING OF FOUR SEASONS, PLACES ITSELF ON THE TREE WITHOUT ROOTS. Giun Zenji (1253-1333)

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