

An unusual year has passed, and another worrisome year is expected to come !

This year Suehiro refrains from sending a new year greeting card, because he is mourning for his sister. This is a traditional custom (喪中) in Japan. She and her husband supported me from the 3rd year of junior high school till finishing his PhD work. At those years, they run a tiny take-out shop by themselves. Suehiro owed them so much.

Last year in January and March we could fortunately joined the three-day walks of “53 stages of the Tokaido”. The next walk should have been to Kyoto. But it was cancelled! Since then we stayed at home, only walking around our home.

I am afraid that the normal days do not come soon even after the vaccines. We hope you all are healthy in the coming year.

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