Nichiren Daishonin teaches: "After all, the ultimate vow is to propagate the daimoku throughout the world." - Gosho p. 1862

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## GUIDANCE FROM SIXTY-EIGHTH HIGH PRIEST NICHINYO SHONIN



# On the Occasion of the October Kosen-rufu Shodai Ceremony

On this occasion of the October Kosen-rufu Shodai Ceremony, conducted here today at the Head Temple, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all of you for your attendance today despite your busy

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Gosho Quote for December 2020

## Rissho ankoku-ron

(On Securing the Peace of the Land Through the Propagation of True Buddhism)

You must immediately renounce your erroneous belief and take faith in the supreme teaching of the one vehicle of the Lotus Sutra. Then, this entire threefold world will become the Buddha land. How could the Buddha land ever decline? All the lands in the ten directions will transform into treasure realms. How could a treasure realm ever fall to ruin? If the nation never declines and the land is indestructible, you will find safety and peace of mind. These are the very words that you must believe and revere.

(Gosho, p. 250; The Gosho of Nichiren Daishonin-2, p. 42)

#### GUIDANCE FROM SIXTY-EIGHTH HIGH PRIEST NICHINYO SHONIN (CONTINUED)

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The month of October already has begun and we have three months remaining this year. I imagine that all

realm is a place of suffering. If we leave the realm of [the Buddha's]





original enlightenment, what joy can we find? I believe that embracing Myoho-Renge-Kyo, which ensures "peace and security in this lifetime and good circumstances in the next," is the only honor to pursue in this lifetime same. This will remain as your only memory from this present, human life. (*Gosho*, p. 300)

This extremely important passage signifies how important and crucial shakubuku is for us who commit ourselves to achieve the attainment of Buddhahood in this lifetime. Engraving these words into our hearts:

"Single-mindedly chant

of you are devoting yourselves to your practice, day and night, aiming toward the achievement of this year's shakubuku goals.

The Daishonin teaches the following in the Gosho, *Questions and Answers on Embracing the Lotus Sutra* (Jimyo hokke mondo-sho):

Apart from the land of eternally tranquil light where the Buddha resides, every

and is the guide to maintain enlightenment in the future. Singlemindedly chant Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo and

Kyo and encourage others to do the



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Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo and encourage others to do the same. This will remain as your only memory from

this present, human life," we, once again, must make further efforts to do shaku-

buku.

The priesthood and laity of Nichiren Shoshu, sparing no pains, are now making concerted efforts to do shakubuku, based on the spirit of *itai* doshin, aiming toward our goal of establishing a membership of 800,000 Hokkeko believers, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the advent of our Founder Nichiren Daishonin, which

is finally approaching next year.

Needless to say, the establishment of a membership

> of 800,000 Hokkeko believers is the vow we pledged in front of the Gohonzon.

Now is the time for us to eliminate all difficulties. including the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). We must

resolutely stand up to do shakubuku with unity be-

tween the priesthood and laity, and unity amongst the members of each chapter to achieve our shakubuku goal that we pledged in front of the Gohonzon to accomplish without fail.

I sincerely pray for your further success and achievements.





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