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## SACRED WORDS

*An excellent mirror looks like a gem if it is polished well. Your mind is just like a dirty mirror covered with dark illusion. If you polish your mind, it will surely become a gem mirror reflecting the true Dharma. Have faith and polish it day and night, morning and evening without fail. How to polish the mirror? It is for you to chant "Namu Myoho Renge Kyo." This is the meaning to polish.*

*Issho Jobutsu Sho - St. Nichiren's Words*

### Obon Mass Memorial Service

July 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)

Buddhism can save all souls even those in hell. The Obon Memorial Service originated with the story from one of Sakyamuni Buddha's disciple, Maudgalayana. His mother was saved from her incessant suffering from starvation in hell.

For the newly deceased, this will be their first Obon Memorial Service. We will create a special *Toba* (stupa) with their name written on it and make special offerings to them.

Please write your name and ancestors' on the enclosed prayer form and send it back to the Kannon Temple before July 16<sup>th</sup> with your donation. Together with the congregation, we will pray for your deceased loved ones and all hungry spirits in the hell stage.

### Obon Cemetery and Home Visitations in Utah Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 20<sup>th</sup>

The Kanai family will make their annual visitations to the gravesites and homes of members in northern Utah such as Corinne, Ogden, Syracuse and Salt Lake City. A detailed schedule will be sent out later to those members in Utah.

### Matsubagayatsu Persecution Service Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)

The first of four major persecutions in St. Nichiren's life. An angry mob tried to kill him and burned his hut down. According to legend, he was saved by a monkey.

Please come join us to commemorate this important event.

### Sumi-e Demonstration

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, a special guest visited us from Hawaii. Rev. Ryosho Kokuzo, his wife, Ryuko and son, Robert from Hawaii Waipahu Soto Zen Taiyoji Temple. They came to show us the special skill of using only ink and brush to make a painting. We were all treated to beautiful pieces of art work (see other side). To see more pictures, visit our Facebook page.

### Garage/Rummage Sale July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, (Fri & Sat)

A fundraising event will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at Paula Paterson's house to help build the new temple. If you have items for donation, please bring them to the temple at your earliest convenience. Monetary donations are welcome as well. For detailed information please contact the temple.

### A Question on Non-violence

Shoda Douglas Kanai Shonin

I was recently asked about my thoughts on non-violence from a Buddhist's perspective. This was a question that I have not recently thought about. I know that Nichiren Buddhist International Center (NBIC) has a pamphlet regarding non-violence but I had not looked at it for a long time.

It seems like there is much hate in this world. Wars and political strife are all causing much harm to everyone. Revenge is too wide spread. If someone hurt me, I must hurt them back. This cycle has continued for far too long.

How do we break this cycle of violence? By understanding each other and listening to each other, to have compassion and empathy. There are many stories of people coming up to Sakyamuni Buddha angrily, trying to defeat him through force. Each time, Sakyamuni does not raise his voice, does not raise his arms to strike. He calmly uses his superior insight to reason, to make the attacker understand the greater picture. What happens when we get angry, is that our focus narrows so we do not have peripheral vision.

When I was little, whenever my brothers and I fought, my father would bring out a mirror to show our face, how we looked like when angry. Of course I did not want to look at the mirror to see this ugly face. By realizing who we are when angry, we start to see more broadly and not of our selfish desires that caused us to readily use force. If you look at the main altar at our temple, you will see a mirror under *Ki-shibojin*. It is placed there so that every time I chant, I can see my face, to make sure that I am peaceful.

When you get angry, look in the mirror. Instead of being quick to judge or fight, catch yourself. See yourself from their perspective. Why are they feeling the way they are? Why are they saying the things they are saying? Wisdom comes from knowledge. Knowledge comes from practice. Practice is something that only you can do yourself. No one can do it for you. So as you change yourself through study and chanting the *Odaimoku*, you will begin to see that you are becoming wise, just like the Buddha and making right decisions just like the Buddha. When we act like the Buddha, our minds are calm, helping our society move to be more peaceful. I pray for Peace on Earth every morning. Let us all pray for peace and that we understand each other every day.

*My View Point (As I heard and as I see)*

**My SE Asia Trip**

Kumiko Kanai

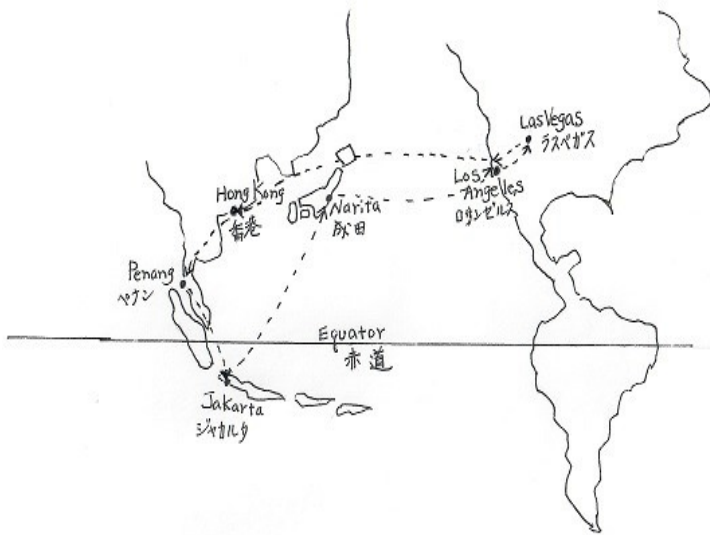
Back in February, I read in Minobu Magazine that the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nichiren Shonin's Birth Ceremony would be held at Ichinenji Temple in Penang, Malaysia (where SE Asia Nichiren Shu propagation began seventeen years ago). I booked a flight soon there after upon reading that Archbishop Nisso Uchino would officiate the ceremony on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

So we participated in the welcome party, the grand ceremony, lectures, a banquet and visitation to the temple that were planned over three days. Over 180 people attended the grand ceremony from Japan besides the 200 people from the local and surrounding areas such as Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and three from America. I heard that the members in SE Asia worked hard in preparation for two and a half years. Therefore, the grand ceremony was so successful. I felt warm hearted hospitality by the sponsoring temple members and priests and also all Nichiren Shu members from SE Asia in good "o-mo-tena-shi" spirit.

After all events in Malaysia were finished, my husband and I visited Rengeji Temple in Jakarta, Indonesia for two nights. Since it was the first time for us to visit the country, we worried at first, but Rev. Myofu Ervinna the head priest of the temple was with us from Penang, so I felt safe.

On the second night in Jakarta, We held an evening service at the current building. Then, I demonstrated and taught "wa-san" to Rev. Myofu and her eighteen members there. Just one hour later, they were already able to perform it by themselves.

Although it was a long trip to two countries in SE Asia from Las Vegas, the tiredness has gone with the power of the *Odaimoku*.



**Acknowledgement**

Due to privacy reasons, only donors initials will be used. This list is the accumulated amount since January 2015.

SK: (Odaimoku Chanting 3.73 M times, 47 shakyo & Donation)	\$18,510
KN: (Odaimoku Chanting 6.64 M times Donation)	\$4,900
YS, MY, YN: (Donation)	\$1,000
KD: (Donation)	\$500
HK: (Donation)	\$500
GO: (Donation)	\$500
JC: (Donation 3 times)	\$350
PF: (Donation)	\$300
MO: (Donation)	\$200
MD: (Odaimoku Chanting 1.5 M times & Donation)	\$185
AP: (Odaimoku Chanting 16,000 times Donation)	\$120
HT: (Odaimoku Chanting 15,000 times & Donation)	\$120
KT: (Donations 4 times)	\$110
YO: (Donation)	\$100
YS: (Shakyo Donation)	\$25
PP: (Donation)	\$20
KU: (Donation)	\$20
AU: (Contribution & Offertory Donations)	¥130,000
IO: (Thanks & Appreciation Donations)	¥60,000
NU: (Ambition)	¥50,000
YK: (Donation)	¥20,000

**New Building Fund** commemorating the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Nichiren's Birth  
\$100,045.61.

**489 shakyo** tracing Chapter 25 of the Lotus Sutra offered, **18,720,000** times of Chanting *Odaimoku* offered, As of June 22, 2017

*Thank you very much! Please continue your support.*



Sumi-e

**EVENTS**

<b>July</b>		<b>August</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	Monthly <i>Kito</i> Blessing	6 <sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	Monthly <i>Kito</i> Blessing
9 <sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	English Service	13 <sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:30 p.m.	<i>Shodai-gyo</i> (Chanting Meditation)
16 <sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	<i>Obon</i> Memorial Service	20 <sup>th</sup> (Sun) <b>No Service</b>	Utah <i>Obon</i> Memorial Service
21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Fri./Sat)	Garage Sale Fundraiser	27 <sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	<i>Matsubagayatsu</i> Persecution
23 <sup>rd</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m.	<i>Shodai-gyo</i> (Chanting Meditation)		
30 <sup>th</sup> (Sun) <b>No Service</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		

- Shoda Kanai Shonin in Japan for meeting at Headquarters 6/26 ~ 7/7
- Rev. Shokai and Kumiko Kanai in Japan 7/3 ~ 10
- Shoda Kanai Shonin in Hayward, CA for *Shami* Seminar 7/18 ~ 25
- Kanai family in Utah 8/18 ~ 20

\*\*\* Those interested in Study Class and/or Counseling, please contact the temple to make arrangements \*\*\*