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The New Human Revolution, SGI President Ikeda's novelized history of the movement for kosen-rufu throughout the world, continues with vol. 4, just published in English by the SGI-USA.

Vol. 4 comprises five chapters: "Spring Storm," "Triumph," "Fresh Leaves," "Rissho Ankoku" and "Great Light," which have been serialized in an ongoing *World Tribune* feature. Vol. 4 recounts the continuing efforts of newly inaugurated third president of the Soka Gakkai, Shin'ichi Yamamoto (the name of Mr. Ikeda's character), to solidify the structure of the organization for kosen-rufu throughout various parts of Japan.

Among the many valuable insights the reader can find in Shin'ichi's guidance to leaders is this passage from the "Rissho Ankoku" chapter:

As far as dedicating one's life to Buddhism is concerned...in the present circumstances it means to make kosen-rufu our fundamental purpose in life and to live a long and useful existence in pursuit of this goal. This is what it means to offer your life for Buddhism. Once you resolve, as a Soka Gakkai member, to make kosen-rufu your life's foundation, it is essential that you become an outstanding person at your place of work. If you do poorly at work, you cannot demonstrate to others how wonderful Buddhism is, and no one will want to take faith. For the same reason, you should strive to create a happy and harmonious family life and take good care of your health. To live a life devoted to kosen-rufu means to be a success in society and to attain personal happiness. Dedication to Buddhism does not mean living a tragic life.

Near the conclusion of his introduction to this proposed 30-volume work, Mr. Ikeda shares the following thoughts:

"I have taken writing *The New Human Revolution* as my life's work. In it, I am determined to continue to record, to the limits of my ability, the diamondlike, genuine path of mentor and disciple, and depict the grand portrait of glory created by the precious children of the Buddha as they have advanced with the dream of worldwide kosen-rufu, just as Nichiren Daishonin taught."

The New Human Revolution, vol. 4, will soon be available at all SGI-USA bookstores, and can be mail-ordered (M.O. #0604) Price: \$10.00.

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