

**One-Volume Collection of Nichiren Daishonin's Writings To Be Published  
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A single-volume edition of the existing seven volumes of *The Major Writings of Nichiren Daishonin* will be available early next year. Final preparations are now being made toward publication on Jan. 26, 1999 — SGI Day. Titled *The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, this 1,000-plus-page collection will be the first in English to present his writings in a comprehensive format and in chronological order.

The collection will feature all 172 of those writings of Nichiren Daishonin that have been already published in English, out of his more than 400 extant writings. In addition, it will include a foreword by SGI President Ikeda and a detailed glossary to assist readers in understanding many terms and concepts commonly mentioned in the Daishonin's writings.

The book is being published jointly by the Soka Gakkai, NSIC and the SGI-USA.

It is hoped that combining the existing volumes into one book will make the writings of Nichiren Daishonin more portable and accessible, not to mention available at an affordable price. The publication of a CD-ROM edition is also being discussed.

In this one-volume compilation, much emphasis has been placed on further clarifying the text for English-speaking readers while fully maintaining the intent of the original writings.

According to Ted Morino, SGI-USA Study Department leader, the current project is extremely significant due to its timing. "We might say that this is the most important project for the global communication of the Daishonin's teachings to be completed within the 20th century," he said. "This book will definitely open a new era for the advancement of world-wide kosen-rufu in the 21st century."

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