

Demolition Continues

Despite international opposition from Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike, the demolition of the Grand Main Temple (Sho-Hondo) in Japan continues. The Rev. Gen'ei Kudo, a representative of the Association for the Reformation of Nichiren Shoshu, recently commented: "The insidious nature of Nikken's actions is becoming clearer to both priests and their lay members.... I sincerely wish the priests and lay believers of Nichiren Shoshu will break their silence and rise with us for the reformation of the school as early as possible."

Nichiren Shoshu estimates the demolition cost at \$35 million. Some experts believe that profits from the resale of the structure's fine marble may offset the cost. The structure was built in 1972 at a cost of \$100 million donated by 8 million believers, most of whom are currently members of the SGI.