

**'THE WRITINGS OF NICHIREN DAISHONIN' PUBLISHED
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In commemoration of Nov. 18, Day of the Soka Gakkai's Founding, the SGI publishes new Gosho compilation.

The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin has been published in celebration of Nov. 18, Day of the Soka Gakkai's Founding. The publication of the writings of Nichiren Daishonin available in English in one volume will usher in a new phase of the SGI's worldwide kosen-rufu movement. *The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin* combines all seven volumes of *The Major Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, containing 172 of the Daishonin's writings. This con-

stitutes about half of the *Nichiren Daishonin Gosho Zenshu*, the collection of the Daishonin's writings in Japanese that has 426 of his writings.

Nikko Shonin, the Daishonin's successor, envisioned, for the sake of worldwide propagation, that the writings of his teacher needed to be translated in the future. He states, "When the Buddhism of India spread eastward, the Sanskrit texts were translated and introduced in China and Japan, so when the time comes to widely declare the sacred teachings of this country, the Japanese texts are sure to be translated and spread in China and India" (*Gosho Zenshu*, p. 1613).

It is some 30 years since the Soka Gakkai first turned to the translation of the Daishonin's writings in the above spirit. The first volume of *The Major Writings of Nichiren Daishonin* was published in 1979.

In his foreword to the new volume, SGI President Ikeda states: "Today the expansion of Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism to 128 countries and territories worldwide attests to the realization of these golden words of the Daishonin [from "On the Buddha's Prophecy"]: 'The moon appears in the west and sheds its light eastward, but the sun rises in the east and casts its rays to the west. The same is true of Buddhism. It spread from west to east in the Former and Middle Days of the Law, but will travel from east to west in the Latter Day'" (*The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, p. 401).

He also states: "The Gosho is a work of faith, of philosophy, of daily living, of eternal peace, and of boundless hope. It is set with myriad jewels of guidance. SGI members have read a single passage of the Gosho with their entire life, and not only changed their lives for the better but also achieved their human revolution."

This 1,291-page volume, 6 in. x 9 in., which includes appendices and glossary (that can be used as a Buddhist dictionary), will soon be available in all SGI-USA bookstores as well as through mail order for \$25.

All the other writings of the Daishonin, including the "Record of the Orally Transmitted Teachings," will continue to be translated from now. In the future, SGI members will have a complete English translation of the Daishonin's entire Gosho.