

***“On Chanting the Daimoku
of the Lotus Sutra”***

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(Gosho p.231 『唱法華題目抄』)

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Nichiren Daishonin teaches in “On Chanting the Daimoku of the Lotus Sutra” (*“Shō hokke Daimoku-shō”*): “In the Latter Day of the Law, there are many who lack the seed of Buddhahood, while few possess the seed of Buddhahood. Thus, there is no doubt that the people [in the Latter Day of the Law] will fall into the evil paths. [Even if they oppose it,] we must strongly teach them and make them listen to the Lotus Sutra, so that they will form a poison-drum relationship with the correct Law. Now is the time to make them form a reverse relationship with true Buddhism through teaching them the Lotus Sutra.”

(*Gosho*, p. 231)

In the Latter Day of the Law, not only those living beings who form a positive relationship, but also those who have a reverse relationship through hearing the Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo of the Three Great Secret Laws, can connect with the true Law and surely can be saved in the future.

In “On Revealing Slander” (*“Ken hōbō-shō”*) the Daishonin states: “The Buddha allows us to preach the Lotus Sutra from the very beginning, so that people can establish a relationship with the sutra, whether it is a reverse relationship or a positive relationship.”(*Gosho*, p. 283)

Now, the priesthood and laity of Nichiren Shoshu are advancing in unity toward the achievement of our objectives for 2015 and 2021. There are some Hokkeko chapters that already have achieved their goals.

As we look toward the significant occasions of 2015 and 2021, and look upon the deluded and confused condition of the world today, we keenly can feel our mission to conduct shakubuku without retreating even the slightest, in order to achieve a peaceful world and happiness for all the people.

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