

**“The True Entity of All Phenomena”  
 (“*Shohō jissō-shō*”):**

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(Gosho p.666 『諸法実相抄』)

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As the Daishonin teaches, with the unity between priesthood and laity, based on the spirit of *itai-dōshin*, all Hokkeko chapters must rise up, and with a strong determination, promote our shakubuku activities without any hesitation or indecision, in order to establish the Buddha land.

What is important, and what we must be aware of in conducting shakubuku is stated in “The True Entity of All Phenomena” (*“Shohō jissō-shō”*):

Although I, Nichiren alone, at first chanted Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo, two, three, then a hundred people gradually began to chant and propagate it. So shall it continue into the future. (*Gosho*, p. 666)

In order to advance toward kosen-rufu, we must propagate the teaching of the five characters of Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo gradually to two, three, and one hundred people, following the Daishonin’s behavior. In fact, this passage teaches that each and every one of us must conduct shakubuku with courage and firm determination, by resolutely standing up with a sense of our mission to achieve kōsen-rufu.

Organized activities in each Hokkeko chapter certainly are necessary; however, the support for these activities ultimately is based on each individual’s faith, determination, and passion to achieve kōsen-rufu. (On the occasion of Kōsen-rufu Shodai Ceremony at Head Temple – Oct. 7, 2012)