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Rissho Kosei-kai is a global Buddhist movement of people who strive to apply the teachings of the Threefold Lotus Sutra, one of the foremost Buddhist scriptures, in their daily lives and contribute to world peace. It was founded in 1938 by Rev. Nikkyo Niwano (1906–1999) and Rev. Myoko Naganuma (1889–1957). With the guidance of President Nichiko Niwano, Rissho Kosei-kai members actively share the Dharma widely and engage in peace activities both locally and internationally in cooperation with people from many walks of life.

The title of this newsletter, *Living the Lotus—Buddhism in Everyday Life*, conveys our hope of striving to practice the teachings of the Lotus Sutra in daily life in an imperfect world to enrich and make our lives more worthwhile, like beautiful lotus flowers blooming in a muddy pond. This newsletter aims to help people around the world apply Buddhism more easily in their daily lives.

We Are Receiving the Precious Gift of Life

Rev. Nichiko Niwano
President of Rissho Kosei-kai



Learning from the Past

This year marks the eightieth anniversary of the end of World War II. Today there is no need to mention whether war is right or wrong, but I have mixed feelings about the fact that memories of that indescribably horrific war—such as the Great Tokyo Air Raid, the fierce fighting on Okinawa, and even the dropping of atomic bombs—seem to be fading, little by little, with the passage of time. That said, my only experience was going into an air raid shelter after hearing a siren warning of an approaching bomber squadron, so I cannot imagine the feelings and memories of those who survived the air raids and battles.

“Off they went / To be shot to death, / Burned to death, / And starved to death— / Their bodies piled up, / Until the fighting ceased” and “A lump of brown sugar / For today’s three o’clock snack / Tucked in the pocket / Of a dead child”—these are poems by an Okinawan poet, Yuko Momohara.

These poems move our hearts with the tragedy of Okinawa—which became a battlefield in the fighting between the Japanese forces and the Allied forces, troops mainly from the United States and Great Britain, and where over 200,000 precious lives were lost—and the grief of Momohara, a mother who lost her son, a second-year junior high school student who was caught up in the battle.

However, in order to build a brighter future, I think it is important that we look unflinchingly at these painfully sad events and the tragically cruel past. Because we are now receiving life, it is up to us to pass down these memories, reflect on them, learn lessons from them, and turn them into wisdom so that we can make the world a better place for future generations.

Moreover, the novelist Ayako Sono wrote that “By being exposed to evil, ugliness, cruelty, and indifference, we develop a human mind” (*Sankei Shimbun*, January 13, 2016). As the expression “learning from mistakes” suggests, when we reflect upon human-made disasters, symbolized by war, and contemplate the mind of evil and the mind of good that we all have

within ourselves, we try not to repeat the same mistakes. At the same time, we try to develop the mind of compassion.

At this time of year, the Ullambana Festival and the memorial services for the countless victims of war present us with times and places to offer our prayers to console their spirits. As we do this, we look into our own hearts, acknowledge and express remorse for our own shortcomings, and think about the future.

The Mind of Great Harmony

Shakyamuni teaches us that “All people fear violence, and all people fear death. When you put yourself in the place of others, you do not kill them. And you do not make others kill.” Other people feel the same way you do about the things that you dread and fear. In other words, everyone wants their days to be peaceful and tranquil and to live their lives with a sense of security.

Meanwhile, in the Seventeen-Article Constitution, Japan’s first statutory law, Prince Shotoku included the famous phrase “We will value harmony” in the first article. The Japanese people have treasured this mind of valuing harmony, or spirit of *daiwa* [大和] meaning “great harmony,” since ancient times, but in light of the words of Shakyamuni, we could say that this is his hope, his original vow, shared by all people living on Earth, couldn’t we? In that case, there is nothing other than this “spirit of great harmony” that can lead to the realization of his original vow for world peace.

It seems that in Okinawa, where the aforementioned Momohara was born, all of Japan, except Okinawa, is called *Yamato*. This is probably related to the fact that one of the historical names for Japan is *Yamato*, [大和] in Chinese characters, which also has the meaning “great peace,” and I think it is important that as citizens of such a country, we Japanese have the guts to hope for a peaceful future and world, but we cannot do so unless we take the lead and demonstrate that spirit. Of course, it is impossible to teach “great harmony” (*daiwa* in Japanese, [大和] in Chinese characters) to others if spouses, parents, children, and siblings are fighting with each other at home, so we should live our daily lives with the mindset that there is no peace movement more important than putting our own homes in order.

In addition, in order to ensure that such a sad history will never be repeated, we must spread the teachings of the Buddha and strive for a world of great harmony. What we can do for the future, as we receive the precious gift of life as human beings, all comes down to this one point.

From *Kosei*, July 2025



The Connection with the Buddha I Discovered Through Many Encounters

Masahiro Kuroshima, Rissho Kosei-kai of Taipei

This Dharma Journey was presented at the Taipei Dharma Center on May 3, 2025, during the ceremony for the fortieth anniversary of the founding of Rissho Kosei-kai of Taipei.

I am truly grateful for this opportunity to share my Dharma Journey on this joyous and momentous occasion marking the fortieth anniversary of the founding of Rissho Kosei-kai of Taipei.

Back in 2015, during the ceremony for the thirtieth anniversary of Rissho Kosei-kai of Taipei, I had the honor of presenting its history under the title “A Retrospective Look at the History of Rissho Kosei-kai of Taipei.” Today, on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary, I am deeply thankful to the Buddha for allowing me to have this opportunity to share my Dharma Journey.

I was born on Ishigaki Island in Okinawa as the eldest of four siblings. After graduating from the local high school at the age of eighteen, I went to Taiwan to study at university. As a Japanese student, taking classes conducted in Chinese was a constant struggle, but with encouragement from my classmates and through much trial and error, I gradually adapted to university life in Taiwan. I returned to Okinawa after graduation. At the time, however, there were few jobs or workplaces in Okinawa where I could use Chinese. After some deliberation, I decided to move to Tokyo for work. In Tokyo, I initially took on part-time jobs for a few months to establish a stable foundation for my life, and then I was hired by a company that operated supermarkets. Later, I changed jobs and joined a company that sold machine tools and electronic components overseas. I was assigned to sales for clients in Taiwan and China, and eventually, I was given the opportunity to work at the company’s branch office in Taiwan.

While working at the office in Taiwan, I had the opportunity to encounter the teachings of Rissho Kosei-kai. One of our company’s important clients at the time was Mr. Ookoshi, head of the Men’s Group at Rissho Kosei-kai’s Toyama Dharma Center. When Mr. Ookoshi came to Taiwan on a business trip, I heard that he wished to visit a local Buddhist temple to pray for success in his work there. I took him to a well-known temple in Taipei and guided him through the visit. After the temple visit, Mr. Ookoshi kindly said, “Next time, I’ll take you to a place

where the Buddha I know resides.” In 2005, I was fortunate to be introduced to Rissho Kosei-kai of Taipei, which at the time covered the whole of Taiwan and was led by Rev. Masumi Goto.

When I was a child, my father and mother each followed a different religion, and because of their differing beliefs, they often argued at home. Growing up watching them, I constantly wondered why there was disagreement and discord, even though they were both practicing their faiths in pursuit of happiness. Why couldn’t religion bring peace to our family?

Perhaps because of this background, I was deeply moved when Mr. Ookoshi told me that it was at the invitation of Rev. Nikkyo Niwano, Founder of Rissho Kosei-kai, that religious leaders from around the world gathered in Kyoto for the World Conference of Religions for Peace. He also introduced me to the teaching “all religions have the same root,” which expresses the idea that all religions are fundamentally the same at their core. This philosophy had a profound impact on me. I became eager to learn more about the teachings of the Founder and began reading many of his writings with great interest and devotion.

At the same time, while receiving personal guidance



Mr. Kuroshima presents his Dharma Journey talk at the fortieth anniversary ceremony of Rissho Kosei-kai of Taipei.

Spiritual Journey

from Mr. Ookoshi, I had the opportunity to participate in various activities such as training sessions and seminars at the Toyama Dharma Center, as well as special events like the “Birthplace Festival” held in Tokamachi City, Niigata Prefecture, where the Founder was born and raised. I was also able to experience various religious activities of Kosei-kai in Japan, including a Dharma circle and connecting people to the Dharma. Through these experiences, even though I had always felt resistance toward religions that focus solely on mysterious blessings or supernatural benefits, I came to feel that Rissho Kosei-kai is a place where we can learn the essence of the Lotus Sutra based on the teachings of the Founder, and where we apply and practice the teachings in everyday life. As I continued my religious training, I realized that Rissho Kosei-kai is a community of people who, having been liberated through learning and practicing the teachings, aspire to become bodhisattvas who seek to help others. I found myself naturally accepting and embracing the teachings of Kosei-kai. With this growing understanding, I began to genuinely aspire to become a compassionate and wise person, like Founder Niwano, President Nichiko Niwano, Mr. Ookoshi, and Rev. Chien Miao Fang, the minister of Rissho Kosei-kai of Taipei. Through this aspiration, I could have a new purpose in life.

By nature, I have always been a logical and analytical person. However, through my experiences of faith, I have come to realize that there are mysterious things in life that cannot be understood through logic alone. Through these encounters, which I can only describe as the compassionate workings of the Buddha, I have continued to meet and connect with Rissho Kosei-kai in new and meaningful ways.

During this time, as I was thinking of establishing a more rooted life in Taiwan, I decided to stop relying on my employer and pursue independence by starting my own business. In 2006, I left my job, and I opened a restaurant in Taipei using the savings I had accumulated during my employment. However, things didn’t go as I had expected, and regrettably, the restaurant had to close just a few months after opening. After that setback, I was blessed with an opportunity to serve as the branch manager of the Taiwan office of a system development company headquartered in Japan. Thanks to this position, I was able to travel to many countries, including China and those in Southeast Asia, through my work in the company’s international business division, greatly expanding my knowledge and experience. Then, in 2013, a year after I married my wife, I was once again given the chance to venture into the restaurant industry and open a Japanese-style pub in

Taipei. At first, my wife’s younger sister managed the restaurant, and later, my wife also helped manage the business alongside me. Thanks to their support, the business grew steadily, and we were even able to hire several staff members.

However, in 2020, the global COVID-19 pandemic struck, dealing a severe blow to the restaurant industry. Business performance across the sector dropped dramatically. The Taiwanese government introduced strict safety measures, including reducing the number of seats in restaurants, and at one point even banned in-house dining altogether. As a result, my pub suffered major losses, and the savings I had worked so hard to build up were quickly depleted. The struggle was so intense and relentless that I can barely remember how I managed to get through it.

During those days when I felt completely stuck, unable to move forward, I heard from Mr. Ookoshi that his wife had been hospitalized due to cancer. Both he and his wife had dedicated themselves to helping so many people and had accumulated great virtue through their practices. So I naturally assumed that, without a doubt, they would receive the Buddha’s protection, that she would recover, and that once the pandemic was over, I would be able to see her again. However, one day, I received the heartbreaking news from him that his wife had passed away. The shock hit me like a blow to the head. It was so overwhelming that for several days, I was completely stunned and unable to think clearly. I couldn’t help but ask “Why



Mr. Kuroshima performs Okinawan folk songs at the afternoon exchange event.

Spiritual Journey

did such an unimaginable loss have to happen to Mr. and Mrs. Ookoshi, who had continuously supported others through their Rissho Kosei-kai practice and daily lives? Can these teachings truly bring people happiness?" Doubts began to arise in my heart one after another, and I experienced a deep wavering in my faith.

Eventually, in 2022, the COVID-19 pandemic gradually began to subside. My business managed to recover from its most critical point, and the system development company also regained its footing. Thanks to my determined efforts, the system development company was able to significantly expand its business overseas. However, this success came at a price. My work became more demanding than ever before, and as I continued to push myself beyond my limits, I was suddenly struck by severe abdominal pain at the end of 2022. I was rushed to the hospital, where I was diagnosed with an intestinal obstruction and had to be admitted as an emergency patient. Fortunately, surgery was not required, but I ended up spending thirty-six days in the hospital, receiving IV treatment throughout my stay.

Even after being discharged from the hospital, the workload at the company remained unchanged. Due to handling business in both Chinese and English, I couldn't receive sufficient support from the company's headquarters in Japan, and the demanding days continued. Although I was mentally and physically exhausted from lack of sleep, I didn't realize it myself. Then one day, I suddenly became aware that my body simply couldn't keep up any longer. Since there was no one else who could take over my responsibilities, I couldn't take time off, even though I desperately wanted to. Quitting was not an option either, and I found myself pushed to the limits of my mental endurance.

I'm naturally an optimistic person, and I had previously thought mental illness had nothing to do with me. But for the first time in my life, I was experiencing depression. I caused much worry and trouble for my wife, my family, and my staff at work. In the midst of all this, seeking peace of mind, I visited the Taipei Dharma Center and consulted with Rev. Chien. Rev. Chien listened sincerely to the voice of my heart and prayed with me before the Eternal Buddha for my recovery. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude once again to Rev. Chien. It was an incredibly painful and difficult experience, but I believe that through it, I grew into someone who can better understand the hearts of those who are suffering.

I have since resigned from the system development company and returned to my former path in the restaurant industry, making it the foundation of my life once again. I

now feel that I have entered a new phase, one in which I can spend more time with my wife and family, and rebuild a foundation of trust with my staff.

As I began to feel a change in my mind and mindset last year, something truly meaningful happened. While visiting Taiwan to prepare for the fortieth anniversary of the founding of Rissho Kosei-kai of Taipei, Rev. Keiichi Akagawa and Ms. Kiwako Yajima from Rissho Kosei-kai International, and several other headquarters staff members came to visit my restaurant. During that visit, I had the opportunity to share my journey of faith. That conversation became a turning point, and I was kindly invited to participate in this ceremony and was also entrusted with the honor of sharing my Dharma Journey.

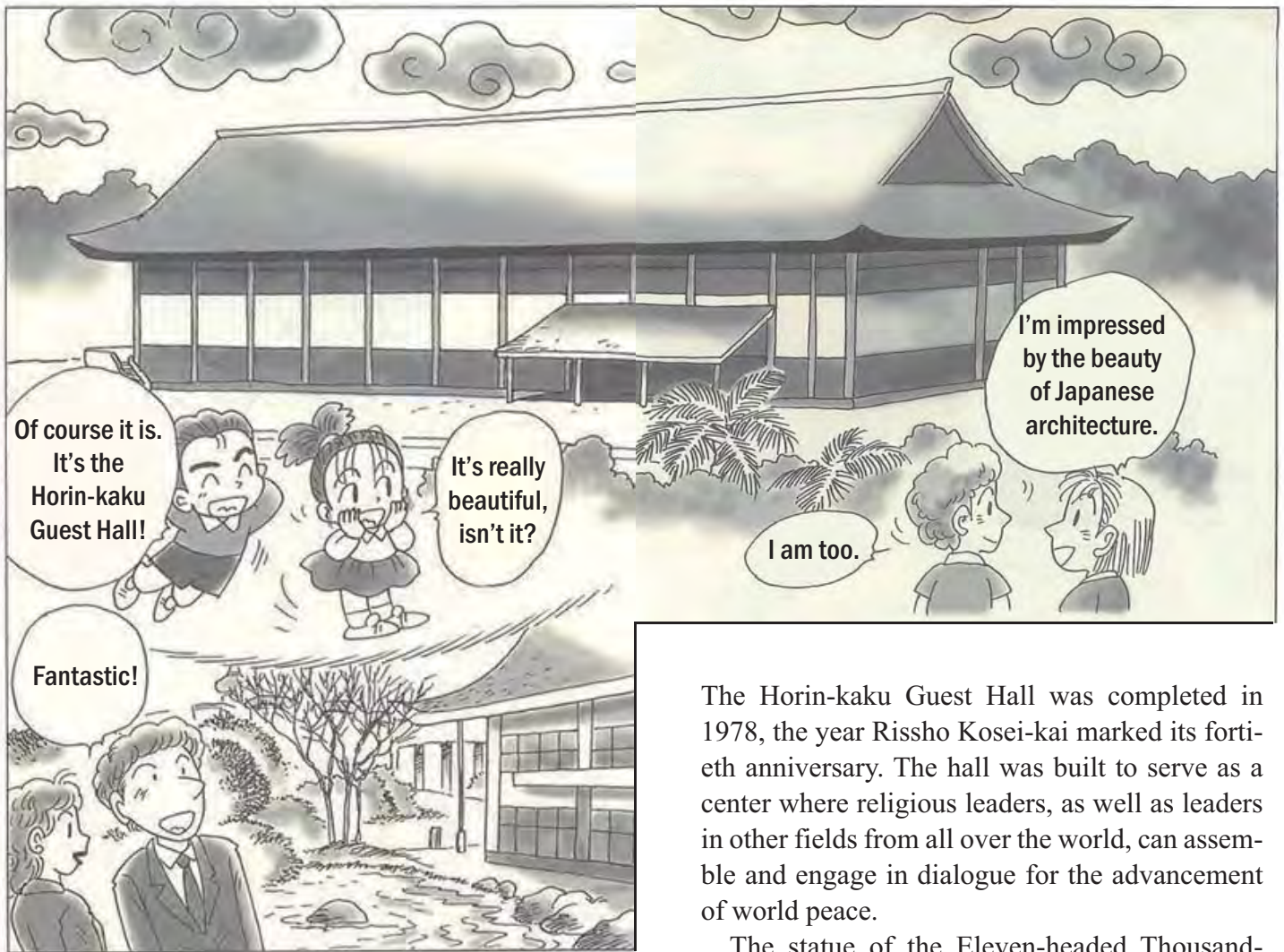
Although I had drifted away from the Dharma for a while, being given the role of delivering this talk reminded me once again of the deep connection I have with the Buddha and the teachings. Going forward, though I am still immature in Buddhist practice, I hope to devote myself with all sincerity—without pushing myself too hard, without slacking off, without rushing, and without letting my vow fade—in order to be of service to others in any way I can and to remain under the Buddha's compassionate protection.

Today, I have been entrusted with several important responsibilities in this ceremony, including giving a Dharma Journey talk, introducing the history of Rissho Kosei-kai of Taipei, and coordinating the afternoon exchange program. With firm resolve, I now accept that I cannot separate myself from the Buddha. Though my strength is limited, I will give my all to fulfill these roles. Together with everyone in the Taipei sangha, I vow to treat this ceremony as an opportunity to deepen my spiritual training and devotion. Let us also work together to make this afternoon's event a lively and joyful one. Thank you all very much for listening today.

An Introduction to Rissho Kosei-kai Through Comics

The Facilities of Rissho Kosei-kai

The Horin-kaku Guest Hall



Did You Know?

The Dharma Wheel (*Horin* in Japanese) symbolizes the Buddha's teachings, which resolve human suffering and delusion, and is likened to the wheel-shaped weapon of the ideal king in ancient India—the wheel-rolling sage-king. It also represents how the Buddha's teachings spread from person to person, like a wheel rolling forward.

The Horin-kaku Guest Hall was completed in 1978, the year Rissho Kosei-kai marked its fortieth anniversary. The hall was built to serve as a center where religious leaders, as well as leaders in other fields from all over the world, can assemble and engage in dialogue for the advancement of world peace.

The statue of the Eleven-headed Thousand-armed Thousand-eyed Kannon is enshrined in the main auditorium on the first floor of the hall. The eastern wall of the lobby is decorated with a tapestry titled "Shakyamuni's Enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree." The western wall is decorated with a tapestry titled "The First Rolling of the Dharma Wheel at Deer Park." The original paintings for each tapestry were made by Founder Niwano.

Inside the grounds, there is a lush Japanese garden full of greenery and plants, which makes you forget that you're in the city.



The Precious Stupa of the One Vehicle



In October 2000, a year after Founder Niwano entered nirvana, the Precious Stupa of the One Vehicle was erected in the eastern corner of the Horin-kaku Guest Hall garden. The Founder's relics, as well as the ritual instruments he cherished, such as the Threefold Lotus Sutra, prayer beads, and the sash, were installed within the stupa.

The construction of the stupa embodies the vow members take to forever carry on the Founder's wishes, while deeply reflecting on his teaching, footsteps, and virtues.

When you visit, stand quietly in front of the stupa, listening intently to the Founder's voice and reflecting on your thoughts.



Did You Know?

The entire height of the Precious Stupa of the One Vehicle is approximately 10 meters, with a width of about 5 meters. The main body has a diameter of 2.7 meters. The roof and finial are made of bronze.



Chapter 2 To Connect with Others

Reach Out with the Heart of the Buddha

Rev. Nikkyo Niwano
Founder of Rissho Kosei-kai



Founder Niwano poses for a commemorative photo with the children of the drum and fife band after the Mie Prefecture Convention of the Brighter Society Movement, held in March 1982.

Skillful Means Born of Compassion

Lately, I often hear members fret, saying, “I’m doing my best to share the teachings with as many people as possible, but it’s hard to get anyone to listen.” In response to such concerns, I have only one reply: “Share the Dharma with the heart of the Buddha.” It all comes down to this.

In “Skillful Means,” the second chapter of the Lotus Sutra, the Buddha categorically assures us that “Of those who hear the Dharma, / None will fail to become a buddha.” We should embody these words by sharing the Dharma with confidence. The sticking point, then, is how we share it.

Shakyamuni Buddha himself gave practical, case-by-case guidance to each individual who was in distress or suffering. He employed what are called “thousands of millions of skillful means” (*The Threefold Lotus Sutra*, chapter 2: “Skillful Means”).

For example, to a mother who was clutching her dead baby and crying out, “Someone, please give me medicine for my child!” the Buddha said, “I’ll teach you an effective treatment. Go and bring me a poppy seed from a household that has never lost a loved one.” The mother went around the entire town but could not find a single family that had never lost anyone to death. After that it



dawned upon her: “It’s not just my child who has died. The Buddha was trying to teach me that.” And through this realization, she was able to find peace again.

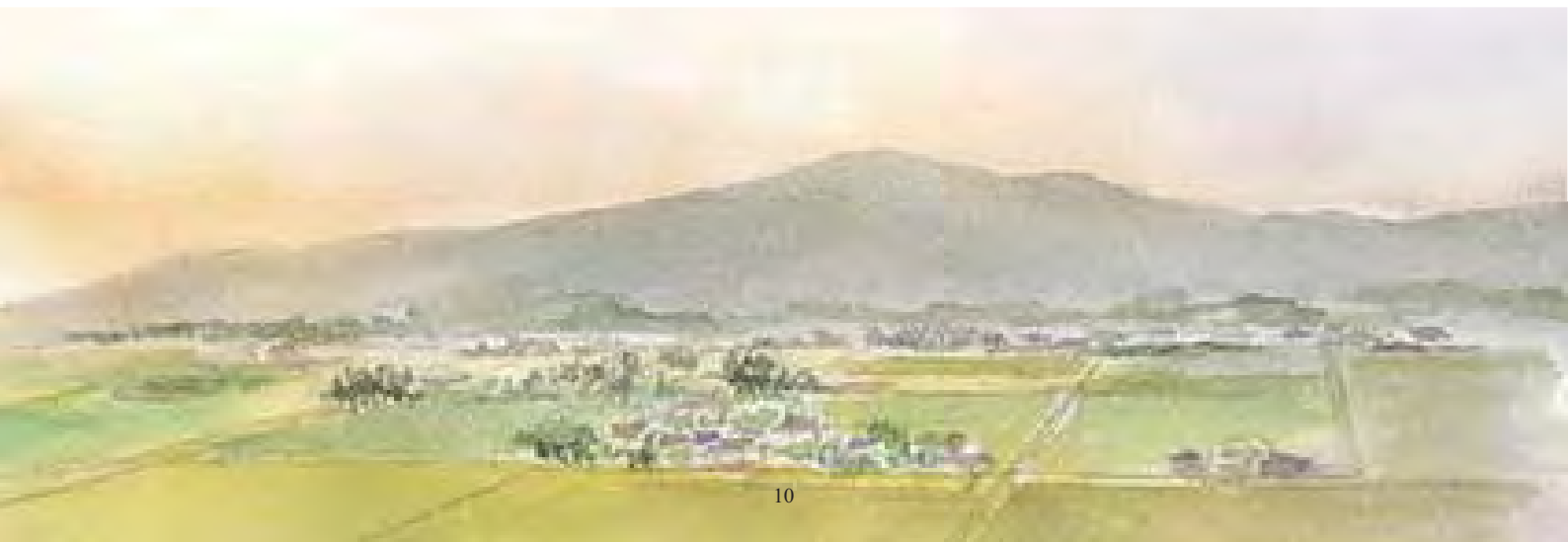
Such skillful means arise only from a mind imbued with compassion—a wish from the depths of one’s heart to liberate the other person.

One day, at a monastery, when all the other monks had gone out, a monk suffering from severe abdominal pain was found writhing on the ground, covered in his own excrement and urine. When the Buddha discovered him, he led the monk outside, removed his soiled robes, wiped down his entire body, and dressed him in clean robes. He then cleaned the chamber, laid down a bed of fresh grass, and seated the monk upon it. Afterward, the Buddha gave him a very simple teaching on the way a person ought to live. As a result, the monk attained peace in both body and mind and eventually became a person of high regard.

This example, too, urges us to take deeply to heart the principle that compassion is the starting point for all things. If we have a compassionate heart like the Buddha’s and act with compassion, we will surely connect with the other person.

Every person has been gifted with the same nature as the Buddha—buddha nature. Each of us possesses the capability to awaken to the truth. However, this potential is latent, like an egg. Unless it is kept warm, it will fail to develop into a chick. The warmth of the mother hen’s breast that nurtures the egg—this is none other than a heart of compassion.

Bodai no me o okosashimu (Kosei Publishing, 2018), pp. 79–81



Director's Column

Striving for Peace Is the Best Memorial Offering for Our Ancestors

Rev. Keiichi Akagawa
Director, Rissho Kosei-kai International

Hello, everyone. The rainy season is coming to an end in Tokyo, and the full heat of summer is just around the corner. I hope you are all doing well.

In July, the Ullambana Festival is held, and it is the season when memorial services are held at Dharma centers and in homes to offer prayers for the spirits of the newly departed and ancestors of all generations. This year, significantly, marks the eightieth anniversary of the end of World War II.

At our family altar, the posthumous name of an ancestor who died in battle is enshrined. This year, as usual, I would like to offer my heartfelt prayers while striving to practice the bodhisattva path, starting with my own footsteps, toward the realization of a peaceful society.

This month, we received a message from President Niwano on the theme "We Are Receiving the Precious Gift of Life." Every time I reflect on the preciousness of life, I am reminded of a verse from the Dhammapada: "Difficult it is being born a human. / Difficult it is being alive now for those for whom death is inevitable. / Difficult it is to hear the right teaching of the Buddha. / Difficult it is to encounter the appearance of buddhas in the world."

This month and next month, memorial services will be held to deeply reflect on the weight and preciousness of life. With a calm heart, I will offer prayers and, as the President teaches us, strive to build peace step by step in my daily life at home and at work, starting from where I stand.

I pray that this will be the greatest memorial offering for our ancestors, who passed away entrusting their ideas to future generations.



Rev. Akagawa (front row, center) with members of the Los Angeles Dharma Center who participated in a group pilgrimage to the headquarters. Photographed in the Great Sacred Hall on May 15.



Let Your Heart Rejoice

What Is the Donate-a-Meal Movement?

This movement invites people to reflect on those suffering from conflicts, disasters, and poverty in the world. By donating a portion of the money you might spend on meals or personal indulgences, you contribute, in the spirit of sharing, to the movement's activities.

Since its inception in 1975, the Donate-a-Meal Fund for Peace has contributed a total of \$106,751,188 toward global relief and development efforts.

This month, we spotlight how your generous donations through the Donate-a-Meal Movement have been used to support activities that are transforming lives around the world.

Key Areas of Support

Eradicating Poverty and Hunger

Poverty not only threatens people's daily lives but also causes conflict and division due to the unequal distribution of wealth and resources. Eradicating poverty is a vital step toward building a peaceful society. Therefore, we support activities in this area that contribute to improving people's livelihoods.

Education and Human Capacity Development

To address poverty at its root, it is essential to bring out each individual's strengths and potential and enable them to exert their effort in society. To achieve this, we support initiatives that provide access to education and nurture people, helping them thrive in their communities based on mutual support and hope.

Healthcare, Medical Services, and Welfare

Even today, many children lose their lives to preventable diseases, and many people are unable to receive medical treatment for financial reasons. We support activities that promote health and well-being for all.

Emergency Relief and Reconstruction Support

Global warming and environmental degradation have increased the scale and frequency of natural disasters. Additionally, countless people are forced to flee their homes due to conflicts. Our support continues to protect the lives and dignity of those affected through emergency aid and long-term recovery efforts.

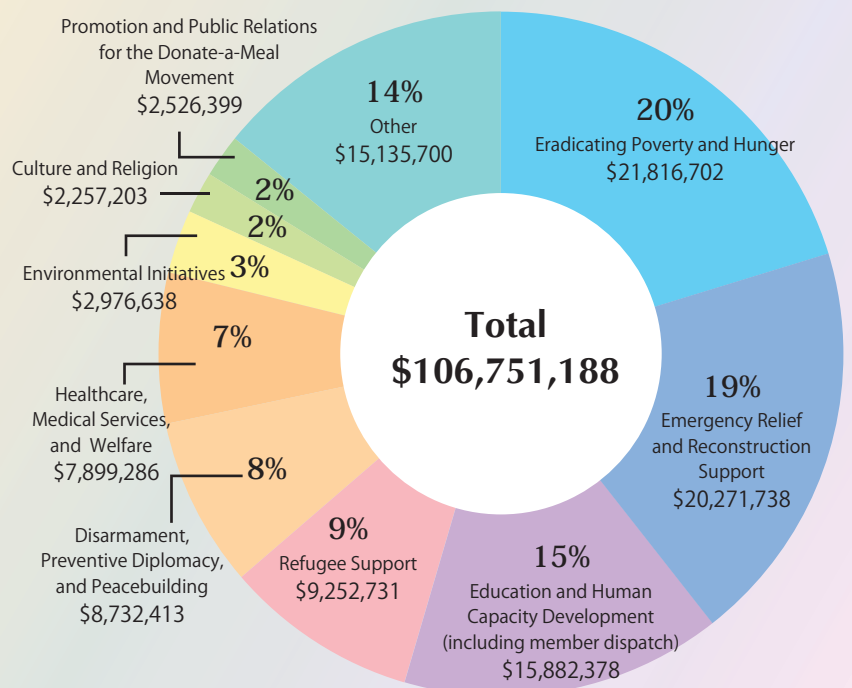
Refugee Support

The number of people displaced by conflict and persecution is increasing every year. We support activities that protect their lives and dignity and help them take a new step toward rebuilding their livelihoods.

Other Initiatives

We also support various projects, including environmental protection efforts, and make contributions to the local communities where Rishso Kosei-kai Dharma centers are located.

Donate-a-Meal Fund for Peace:
Contributions by Sector (1975–2024)





Support Projects over the Past Five Years (2020–2024 by Region)

Middle East Region

(1) Iraq

- Enhancing Leukemia Diagnosis in Pediatric Cancer Wards

(2) Lebanon

- Little Bags of Dreams Campaign
- Nursing Courses for Palestinian Refugee Students
- COVID-19 Emergency Support
- Learning Support Classes in the Beddawi Refugee Camp
- Support for Internally Displaced Persons in the Northern Region
- Support for Airstrike Evacuees

(3) Palestinian Autonomous Territories–Gaza Strip

- Little Bags of Dreams Campaign
- Emergency Support for Airstrike Victims
- COVID-19 Emergency Support and Child Malnutrition Prevention/Improvement Program
- Gaza Humanitarian Crisis Emergency Support

(4) Syria

- Support for Food Crises Due to Political Instability

Africa Region

(5) Ethiopia

- Support for People Displaced by Armed Conflict
- COVID-19 Emergency Support
- Environmental Restoration Efforts in Conflict-Affected Areas
- Emergency Support for Women and Children Affected by Civil War and Drought

(6) Sierra Leone

- Support Project to Reduce Maternal and Perinatal Mortality

(7) Democratic Republic of the Congo

- Support for Enhancing the Resilience of Women Affected by Conflict and Infection Prevention for Vulnerable Groups During the COVID-19 Crisis
- Resilience-Enhancing Project for Vulnerable Women Affected by Conflict

(8) Malawi

- Sending Blankets to Africa Campaign
- Health and Civil Rights Promotion for Malawi (HIV/AIDS Initiatives and Birth Registration Promotion Project)
- School Meals Project
- COVID-19 Emergency Support

(9) Mozambique

- Sending Blankets to Africa Campaign
- COVID-19 Emergency Support
- Installation of Desks in Primary Schools
- Emergency Support for Cyclone Victims
- Emergency Support for Drought Victims

(10) South Africa

- South Africa Youth Support Program
- COVID-19 Emergency Support

(11) Madagascar

- Medical Support for Communities Suffering from Drought-Induced Famine

(12) South Sudan

- Emergency Support for Displaced Persons Fleeing Floods and Armed Conflict

Europe Region

(13) Ukraine

- Humanitarian Crisis Emergency Support
- Support Programs for Displaced Persons
- Dream Gift Project



Asia Region

(14) Afghanistan

- Little Bags of Dreams Campaign
- Humanitarian Emergency and Reconstruction Support
- Emergency Support for Flood Victims
- Emergency Support for Children Orphaned by Conflict
- Emergency Support for Earthquake Victims in Eastern Afghanistan

(15) Pakistan

- Emergency Support for Flood Victims
- Local Youth Peacebuilding Activities
- COVID-19 Emergency Support

(16) India

- Employment Support for Internal Migrant Workers
- Support for Myanmar Refugees in Mizoram State

(17) Bangladesh

- Medical Service Project
- Bangladesh Education Project (School supply support for impoverished areas)
- Support for Victims of Fire at the Rohingya Refugee Camp

(18) Sri Lanka

- Primary Education Support Project

(19) Mongolia

- Free Health Checkups and Other Services for Socially Vulnerable People

(20) Myanmar

- Reading Promotion Project
- School Feeding/Nutrition Program
- Prosthetic Limb Support for Landmine Victims
- Emergency Support for Myanmar Facing Poverty and Hunger
- Emergency Support for Rohingya Refugees

(21) Laos

- Agriculture, Environment, and Regional Development Project

(22) Cambodia

- Support for the Revival of Buddhist Studies
- Agriculture, Environment, and Regional Development Project
- COVID-19 Emergency Support
- Public Primary School Support Project in Prey Veng Province

(23) Philippines

- Little Bags of Dreams Campaign
- BCYFI Scholarship Program in Bataan
- Youth Empowerment and Self-Reliance Support Project
- Emergency Support for Mangyan Tribes Affected by Typhoons
- Emergency Support for Typhoon Victims
- Restoration of Japanese Nationality for Second-Generation Japanese Filipinos Remaining in the Philippines After WWII

(24) Turkey

- Emergency Support for Victims of the Turkey-Syria Earthquake

(25) South Korea

- Support for Japanese Women Remaining in South Korea After WWII

(26) Taiwan

- Emergency Support for Victims of the Eastern Offshore Earthquake

(27) Japan

- Donate-a-Meal Local Community Contribution Project
- Humanitarian Emergency and Reconstruction Support Programs
- Capacity Building Support for NGOs in Japan
- Refugee Support Projects Within Japan
- Emergency Relief in Response to Large-Scale Disasters
- Donate-a-Meal Fukushima Recovery and Disaster Survivor Support Project
- Improving Access to Health and Medical Services for Foreign Mothers and Children
- COVID-19 Emergency Support

South America Region

(28) Honduras

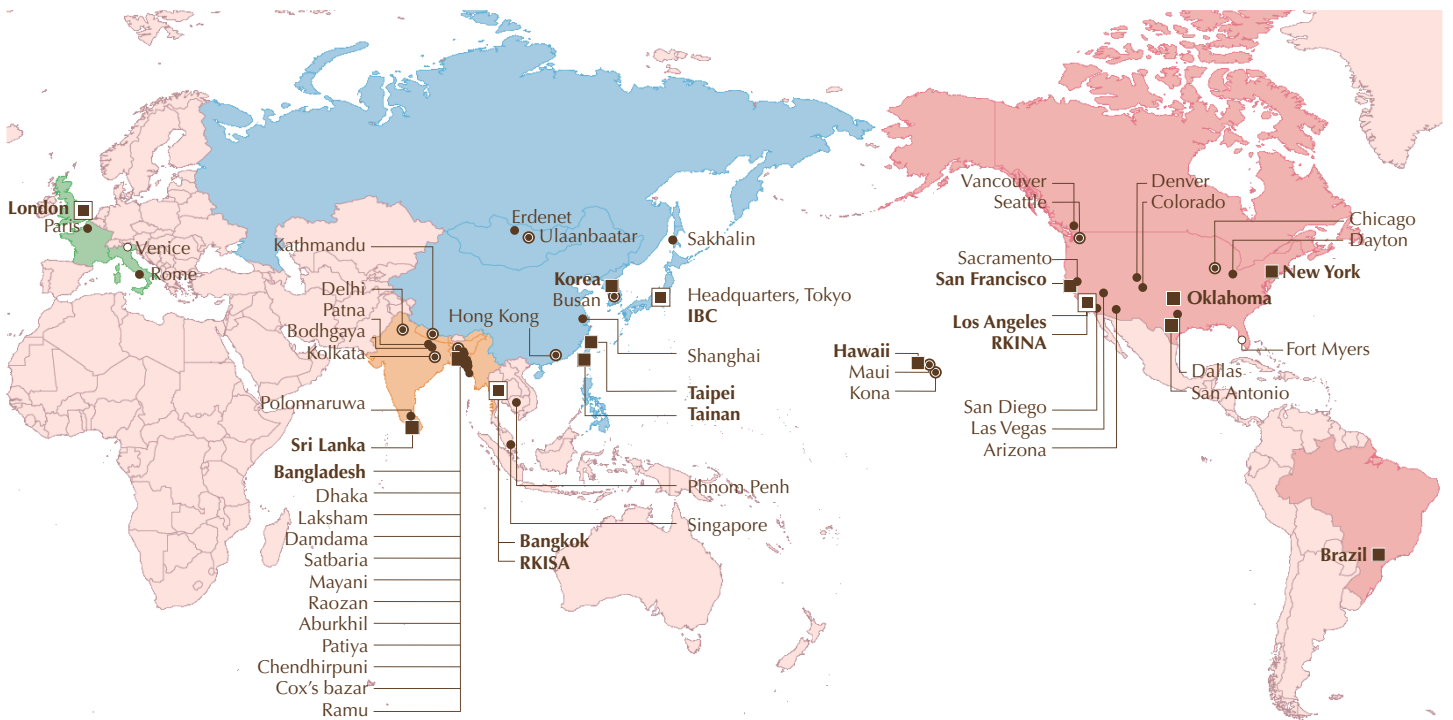
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