

A CONSTANT SMALL STREAM CAN WEAR A STONE

This 12th issue is the first in the new Heisei era. Looking back, the magazine Seiju was first published in the autumn 6 years ago in celebration of the 15th anniversary of this Temple.

The successful continuation of the magazine owes to the valuable sustenance by everyone of the supporters of the Temple as well as to the contribution of articles by the priests studying abroad.

The other day, formal ceremony was held to award the appointment of the priests to study abroad under the 5th program. Altogether, 22 priests have so far been sent to study in 9 countries. We are pleased to report the readers that priest Takashi Yasui studying in India was recently conferred a doctorate in the Calcutta University. This is an honor not only to himself alone

but to us all, too, and we feel encouraged to use more effort to further develop our Scholarship operations.

In his precept “Yui Kyo Gyo”, Buddha preaches eight types of practices to be actively followed by ascetic priests. For the “shojin”(devotion to hard effort), the 4th type, Buddha says to the effect as 4th type, Buddha follows:

Nothing is unachivable if you continue every hard effort.

Evon a small stream can wear a stone so long as it continues to flow upon it.

If a priest in austerities should often deviate or neglect his effort, the way to the spiritual awakening will recede, just as you cannot build a fire by rubbing wood prieses if you stop rubbing it halfway.

I am used to take this precept as if it were given to me only, always oncouraging me to continue my effort like a small stream constantly flowing.