

FOREWORD

First of all, I would like to express my deepest sorry and sympathy on the victims of Hanshin Greart Earthquake. I pray the dead's soul rest in peace and give my very best wishes to their revival as soon as they can.

By the way, this spring is the sixteenth anniversary of the Zenkoji-Temple's founder, Rev. Baiannhakujunn, so we held the memorial service inviting Kanninn-Minamisawa-Dohjinn, who is the chief bonze of the head temple Eiheiiji on 11th February. And the ceremony was held to grant notification of the 11th Scholarship on the same day. The number of the Scholarship's students reached 61, including 5 members adopted this year, the countries are 17 and 1 area. Now we are promoting to edit the second volume of students' essays to publish around this Autumn.

These fruits are wholly owing to heartfelt back ups of all concerned and our supporters. I don't

know how to thank you enough and please give us further supports to our Scholarship working.

After the memorial service, Rev. Kannin-Minamisawa gave us an address as follows.

“Teaching of Buddha is beyond nationality and race, which is the ununiversally acknowledged truth. Our life depends on studying his teaching, and the joy given by Buddha is more precious than anything else, so I think our duty is to make better world as a Buddhist”

Rev. Secchoh, who was the teacher of Chinese priest Rev. Nyojou (the teacher of Rev. Dohgen), also preached the sermon as follows.

“Two third of my life has past with nothing to be proud of. I just live irresponsibly.” Then, he reflected on his life and devoted himself to his purify. I hope to have my eyes opened to the teaching of Buddha, awakened myself as his pupil, and do my best to contribute my share to the world peace, Buddhist prosperity, and welfare of mankind with all of you.