

## Foreword

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We entered 2001, the 21st century and now the summer clad in fresh greenery has come after the spring full of flowers. I am in a trance hearing songs of birds and surprised to find out the half of the year has already passed. The saying that time flies is really true. As we often said before, Zenkōji-Temple trying to create rich feature wishes to pray for the prosperity of Buddhism and peace and happiness of mankind in the new century.

The summer volume of “Seiju” featured the educational foundation Sōji Gakuen(Tsurumi University, the same Junior College, Tsurumi Women’s Junior High School and the same High School), which was founded by Sōjiji-Temple in the 13th of Taishō to revive the spirit of the founder of Sojiji-Temple, the Rev.Keizan, “petition for women’s attaining Buddhahood. The name of the school at that time was “Kouka Women’s School”, though the University and The Junior College (except some parts) are now co-educational to go with the current. The School has distinctive educational principle which are “attaining Buddhahood, gratitude and practicing asceticism” as

its indexes and four teachings “offering, loving words, practicing and presence of mind” as its targets to practice.

The Rev. Keizan inherited the way of the Rev. Dogen, spread the teaching of Zen of which target is “people’s attaining Buddhahood” as the top priority.

He established many temples, produced pupils and devoted to spread Sōtō Sect. The Rev. Dogen is looked up to as “Kousō” and the Rev. Keizan as “Taisō” and as “the Rev. Jōsai” which means the founder, father and mother of our sect.

The self-possession” taught by the Rev. Keizan is the calm state of mind free from the spurs of outside world and inside of oneself, it is never changing peaceful world. This is exactly Buddhists’ way of living and also the real beautiful life if you have sure feeling of life in the multifarious world. We wish to learn this teaching and to practice the peace and the prosperity of the world in new century.