

but I continued to try and I don't know why but everything went well. I was always helped by Buddha.

I was invited to the ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between Japan and Sri Lanka as a representative of a total 80 goodwill mission and delivered a keynote speech "The Gift from Dharmapala" at Bandaranaike International Main Hall. I was hailed by the government and Buddhists and seeing the hall was packed full of thunderous applause, I couldn't help feeling the new fusion of Japanese and Theravada Buddhism and Xanadu of mandara.

The ceremony to commemorate the 35th of anniversary of the Temple and the 20th anniversary of the Scholarship Association was held in May at the head temple Sōjiji and about 400 eminent people from various fields and supporters attended.

In June, Baikaan was completed, which is used both as a temple office and a room for distinguished guests from abroad and our supporters. The library was also completed at the same time and we put 100,000 books in order.

In next March, I have a plan to attend the World Buddhists' Convention held at Buddhamonthon in Thai, the biggest Buddhists' country, and deliver a keynote speech "The Real Education" as a representative from Japan.

In next September, I also have a plan to lecture about "Zen and Dōgen, The World and the Buddhism" at Harvard University and University of California.

Priests studying abroad have grown up and been active in various fields of many countries. Small glims are getting bigger and bigger.

The world obviously suffers from miscellaneous causal symptoms and the phenomena beyond our understanding are disturbing and scare us. Why do we need Buddhism in times such as these? The expectation and its role seem to be important and hasty. What can we do now, or what should we do?

To the best of my poor ability, I will do my best to do today's duty which is handing down teaching of Buddha.

Foreword

The chief priest of Zenkōji—Temple
Takeshi Kuroda

Believing in Buddhism faithfully, we go back to Buddha through our founder.

This was our starting line when Yokohama Zenkōji—temple was founded 35 years ago. We have advanced with heart and soul all the while.

Yokohama Zenkōji-temple Scholarship Association which was established by the temple and the supporters together, marked its vigentennial this year. It has developed with the times when the need for cultivating human resources who have global perspectives become bigger. The dispatches and acceptance have numbered 110, countries concerned have reached 21. This year's recruitment is the 20th.

All thanks to the sincere donation from the supporters, we can continue the Scholarship Association year after year, We have asked for your cooperation by cutting down on the mouthful food to achieve the world peace, the prosperity of Buddhism and human resource development.

I thank you from bottom of my heart.

I visited Buddhist temple ruins and performed ascetic practices all over the world when I was young and noticed the importance of going back to the starting line, or Buddha. This became my belief. Thus, the establishment of the Scholarship Association means my challenge to practice.

“Wherever the teaching of Buddha is practiced, you can eat something.” I thank always Buddha's protection. I believe that the salvation of Buddha is in the deep charity by the wisdom of Buddha. Rev. Dōgen cited ‘generosity, goodwill, cooperation and ministrations as four virtues and persuaded that these were the profound order of all things in the universe. I wonder the Scholarship Association means the practice of generosity. There were various troubles and there were times when I almost gave up,