



Sobukai Handbook for International Practitioners

MAY 2018

Sonouta calendar of this month: Joy-True self

HOME MEETING GUIDE

1. Chanting (Morning & Evening Chanting)

2. Announcements

- A) Go over the monthly schedule and various announcements.
- B) Discuss the necessary matters regarding gohoshi and other planned events.

3. This Month's Point to Reflect On

As we look towards celebrating the 106th anniversary of our Dharma Mother's birth, acting upon our gratitude by engaging in the altruistic practice of sharing the Dharma (*otasuke*) in an effort to extend spiritual liberation and awakening to all realms, both seen and unseen

4. Readings

- Path of Oneness*, Pursuing the Way, Chapter IV, Section 2. "Dedicating of the Sesshin Training Hall" (pgs. 448-450)
- A Wisteria Cluster*, V. I, "The Path until Today" (pgs. 2-8)

Open Discussion

Discuss individual matters, Q&A, etc. (Please encourage the participants to join in the discussion and share their thoughts in an open, comfortable atmosphere)

5. Three Bows to express gratitude

(Maximum time: 2 hours)

History of Shinnyo-en in May

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| May 9, 1912 | Master Tomoji is born. |
| May 19, 1936 | Master Shinjo is ordained at Daigoji Monastery. |
| May 16, 1953 | Shinnyo-en is certified by the Ministry of Education as a religious organization in accordance with the current Religious Corporation Act. |
| May 2, 1954 | Shinnyo-en Youth Association is inaugurated. |
| May 8, 1957 | The first edition of <i>Path of Oneness</i> is published. |
| May 20, 1958 | The Sesshin Training Hall is dedicated. |
| May 18, 1992 | The first Saisho Homa Service is held by Her Holiness Shinso Ito. |
| May 5, 2012 | Groundbreaking ceremony for the Sesshin Training Hall is held on the first day of the Ogen Festival during Master Tomoji's Centennial. |
| May 9, 2012 | Ogen Festival: Ceremony in Gratitude for Shinnyo Spiritual Wonders is held to celebrate the centennial of Tomoji's birth. |

1. Online Chiryu Gakuin Dharma Program for Practitioners Outside Japan

(1) Basic Course

Please note that there is no quiz for the optional videos “Inspiration Series,” so no record will be shown on the portal even after students have watched them.

Optional videos, “The Short Chanting” and “The Full Chanting” have been released. “The Short Chanting” is intended to help practitioners as they offer chanting before watching lectures. There is no quiz for these optional videos of chanting.

(2) Advanced Course 1

Advanced Course 1 has started in October 2017.

“The Shinnyo Spiritual Faculty” and Her Holiness Keishu’s Special Lecture 2 “Ordination” have been released on April 15. “History of Shinnyo-en 1” will be released on April 29, followed by “History of Shinnyo-en 2” on May 15, and “History of Shinnyo-en 3” on May 30.

Optional videos “The Short Chanting” and “The Full Chanting” have also been released for Advanced Course 1. Please use them to support your chanting.

Two lectures in English will be released each month for Advanced Course 1 from November 2017 to July 2018.

The last lecture of Advanced Course 1 in English will be released on July 15, 2018. Practitioners will be able to take the exam after viewing and attending all required lectures.

Please note that dharma teachers and associate dharma teachers who already have access to the online lectures will also be able to view the lectures of Advanced Course 1.