

Kyoshu-sama's Message at Special Members' Meeting
Saraburi Sacred Grounds
February 19, 2012

Good morning, everyone (spoken in Thai).

During today's service, I prayed for the continuous advancement of the divine work here in Thailand, for the speedy recovery of His Majesty King Rama IX from his illness, and for the further progress and prosperity of the people of the Kingdom of Thailand.

I am most grateful for and am touched by the warm and sincere welcome you have given me. Every year, I see many of you members of Thailand in the Sacred Grounds of Japan. I have to say I am always moved to know how passionate you feel about Meishu-sama and the Sacred Grounds of Japan.

At this occasion, I, as a Japanese, must also thank you for your encouragement and heartfelt donation for our recovery from the earthquake in March 2011 and various other disasters that followed it. Your support gives us strength to move forward.

Last year, you also experienced severe floods here in Thailand. Life must have been difficult and distressing for many of you who were affected by the floods. During these hardships, I hear that you members never lost your faith in Meishu-sama and that you supported whoever you could and gave them peace and hope.

Knowing how faithful, kind and strong all of you are, I had been looking forward to visiting Thailand and meeting you, and my wish has finally come true. It gives me great pleasure to meet all of you who gathered from different parts of Thailand face to face like this today.

I am now at the Saraburi Sacred Grounds and am surrounded, together with all of you, by a glorious light. This light is with Meishu-sama, and it graciously surrounds not only us who are here but also all the people of Thailand and all who are on earth. With this light, I strongly feel that all of us are being welcomed into the world of peace, into heaven, and my heart is filled with gratitude for this blessing.

I am deeply moved to know that it was you members who constructed the

entire Saraburi Sacred Grounds, including this hall where we now stand. I am sure Saraburi Sacred Grounds will shine everlastingly as the fruit of your sincere and genuine efforts. Also, I feel that Meishu-sama has always been very happy to see your faith toward him and your efforts until today in studying and practicing his teachings and connecting many people to him.

Now, I believe you try to do good deeds or actions in your daily life. You might try to do "a little practice of love for others" with an aim to become "a pioneer of salvation." You might practice and propagate the works of Meishu-sama such as Johrei, Nature Farming and Art. Or, more generally, you might do something good for society such as charitable activities or volunteer work.

When you do these good deeds, others may praise you. In particular, if your action brings a good result, you may receive even more praise and credit for it. You also often give praise and credit to those who do good deeds for others or who have shown remarkable results as "a pioneer of salvation." In these ways, I believe we have been using praise and credit mostly for humans only.

However, we must realize we humans can do nothing by our own power. We may feel as if we can freely do whatever we wish: think, speak, move, do or practice something. But we must know, without God, nothing can be done. All power originates and comes from God. Behind every action humans make, there is God. The one who should really be praised and receive credit, therefore, is in fact God.

So praise Him, whenever possible – in your daily life and work – by saying, in the name of Meishu-sama, that "It is God who forgives and achieves all that happens. May you, God, be praised forever by all." It is by saying these words that you could respond to the love of God who is nurturing you every moment and that you can return all praise and credit into His hands.

To end my message, I, as one who is connected to Meishu-sama, am determined that I will do everything in my daily life with Meishu-sama, and I, together with all of you, hope I can serve God, positively, cheerfully and with a heart full of peace and richness.

Just a moment ago, the light of this hall went out briefly. But we know, as

followers of Meishu-sama, that his light will never disappear and will shine eternally within each one of us.

(The following spoken in Thai) I pray for the happiness of all of you members of Thailand, and I sincerely look forward to meeting you again. Thank you very much.