

## FOREWORD

Last autumn, Zenkoji-Temple women's club went and worshiped at Eiheiji-Temple and Sojiji Soin-Temple. It has been my dearest wish and I am very pleased that every participants were very glad about that.

Eiheiji-Temple and Sojiji-Temple, which are very famous as the headquarters of the Soto Sect in Japan, and many people for worship has been continuously visited there.

However, people has been gradually decreased who know the following facts; Sojiji-Temple had been at Noto Peninsula for 6 years, propagated Soto Sect doctrine all over Japan. It has been only 80 years or so since Sojiji-Temple moved Tsurumi Yokohama. That's what I thought we should go and worship Soin. Now I hope that every Soto Sect temples and believers must be more and more interested in Soin.

So this volume runs the writing of introduce Soin by Professor Azuma and the sketch of Soin. Please think of that as valuable treasure.

Next topic is my visiting Malaysia this spring. Rev. Sato's writing about this trip appears in this book, so that maybe you know that Zenkoji Scholarship has grown up to be called for by unexpected society. This is contrary to our first anticipation.

By the way, the countries which I visited with Rev. Sato reached 10, as a start we visited India 1987 and other countries. Fortunately, we celebrated 25 anniversary since our temple has established. A total member of scholarship priests were 47, and the countries where they went were 18. Now we are considering memorial events, and as one of the plans we think to publish travel book. Please looking forward to seeing this book.