

'New Human Revolution' Vol. 5 Just Published

The fifth volume of *The New Human Revolution*, Daisaku Ikeda's novelized history of the movement for kosen-rufu throughout the world, has just been published in English by the SGI-USA.

Volume 5 comprises four chapters: "Trailblazing," "Joy," "Victory" and "Lion," which have been serialized in the *World Tribune*. Volume 5 recounts the continuing efforts of the newly inaugurated third president of the Soka Gakkai, Shin'ichi Yamamoto (the name of Mr. Ikeda's character), to solidify the structure of the organization for kosen-rufu in Europe as well as in Japan.

Among the many valuable insights the reader can find is this passage from the "Joy" chapter, where Shin'ichi responds to questions about how to carry out kosen-rufu in Europe among a society steeped in a Judeo-Christian tradition:

"The most important thing," Shin'ichi replied, "is to initiate dialogue. Refusing to talk with other religions because they do not share our beliefs is cowardice. Though their religious beliefs and tenets may be different from ours, if they are genuinely committed to religion, they will desire world peace and be thinking seriously about the happiness of humanity. That spirit has much in common with Buddhism. Our task is to bring forth the inherent goodness in people's hearts and, based on the concerns we share as human beings, work together in our own capacities for peace and happiness."

Near the conclusion of his introduction to this proposed 30-volume work, Mr. Ikeda shares the following thoughts: "I have taken writing *The New Human Revolution* as my life's work. In it, I am determined to continue to record, to the limits of my ability, the diamondlike, genuine path of mentor and disciple, and depict the grand portrait of glory created by the precious children of the Buddha as they have advanced with the dream of worldwide kosen-rufu, just as Nichiren Daishonin taught."

The New Human Revolution, vol. 5, will soon be available at all SGI-USA bookstores, and can be mail-ordered (MO#0605; price: \$10.00).

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