## **Daifukuji Soto Mission**

#### **Practicing the Four Wisdoms**



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#### Summer Greetings from Rev. Jikō

Aloha dear sangha and friends,

I wish you a bright and happy summer. At the temple, the orchids and dahlias are blooming and the lychee tree is laden with fruit. The paper lanterns flutter in the breeze and the sounds of taiko fill the evening air. The atmosphere is festive, a warm tribute to our ancestors' spiritual homecoming.

During the summer I pause, reflect upon the first half of the year, and think about how to meet the needs of our sangha during the second half of the year. Each of our 21 temple group has its purpose, activities, & space which needs to be supported and honored.

For example, on August 19th, a new Dharma school year will begin for the Family Sangha, also known as the Sunday School. I invite you to bring your children and grandchildren to family services, which are held 2 to 3 times a month on Sundays at 9:30 a.m., & humbly ask for your support of this children's program.

To temple members age 60 and above, I cordially invite you to experience Project Dana, a half-day program which happens on the second Wednesday of the month from 8:30 - noon. The activities are fun and the lunch is delicious. What's more, Project Dana is free for temple seniors. Need a ride or more information? Please give me a call.

I sincerely thank all who lent a hand at the temple's mid-year general clean up and the Bon Dance. There is a strong sense of community at Daifukuji for which I am very grateful.

Holding the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha in our hearts and minds, let's live each precious day with loving-kindness and compassion. *Namu kie butsu. Namu kie hō. Namu kie sō.* 

Warm aloha in gassho,

Rev. Jikō

#### Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association News

Fujinkai members, please save the dates below:

Saturday, October 20 at 10 a.m. - Fujinkai General Membership Meeting & Potluck Lunch All Fujinkai members are invited to this annual meeting. Important topics will be discussed.

#### Saturday, October 27 - Autumn Field Trip

This year, our Fujinkai will be heading out to Honokaa to take a farm tour of Mauna Kea Tea, an organic tea farm founded by Taka and Kimberly Ino. Also on the itinerary is a visit to the monument of Katsu Goto, a sugar cane plantation labor advocate known as the "Honokaa Hero," & possibly the Honokaa farmers market. (At the general membership meeting on October 20, a video on the legacy of Katsu Goto will be shown.) Lunch will be at Sushi Shiono at the Mauna Lani Resort Golf Clubhouse. Transportation will be by private cars. Carpooling will be arranged.

The field trip, including lunch, is free for Fujinkai members. Fujinkai members may invite guests for a fee of \$30 which includes lunch and the tea farm tour. District representatives will be calling Fujinkai members by October 1 for a headcount. Questions? Please ask field trip coordinator Lorraine Tanimoto or Rev. Jiko. And be sure to come to the general membership meeting!



Blooming Orchids, 'OrchidGami' on Display at Free KDOC Annual Show and Sale

Sunday, August 12 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Taiko performance at 10 a.m.)

by Fern Gavelek

The 36th annual Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club (KDOC) show and sale is 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, August 12 at the Daifukuji Soto Mission Hall. The free event offers attendees a complimentary orchid boutonniere corsage—while they last.

This year's theme, "Conservation of Orchids Through Creativity," illustrates how to display orchids using recycled materials and an unusual origami display of endangered North American orchids called "OrchidGami" by founding club member and historian Carol Zakahi.

In addition, there will be a guided tour through the on-site Orchid Grotto. The grotto demonstrates how to beautify a problematic space to be enjoyed from both inside and out.

Enjoy an elaborate and colorful display of live blooming cattleya, cymbidium, dendrobium, phalaenopsis, miltonia, vanda and more. Cameras are welcome.

Got growing questions? Veteran members staff a Question and Answer Booth where attendees can get expert advice on caring for orchids. The club boasts long-time members who have been growing orchids at different Kona elevations, Waimea and South Point.

The event offers an outdoor sale of high-quality orchid species and hybrids grown by club members and select Big Isle commercial growers. Club members will sell home-baked goods and drinks, and membership info will be available.

The Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club is West Hawai'i's oldest orchidaceae organization with a mission to learn and foster orchid culture and promote fellowship among orchid collectors. The club meets the second Wednesday of every month at the Daifukuji Soto Mission Hall. Get club updates at www.facebook.com/orchidsinparadise.



Daifukuji Building Fund Bazaar Sunday, September 9 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. To purchase the ingredients needed for the food that will be made for the bazaar, the food committee is requesting monetary donations. Please make checks payable to <u>Daifukuji Soto Mission</u> & write "Bazaar Food Dept." on the memo line. Please mail donations to: Daifukuji Soto Mission, 79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy, Kealakekua, HI 96750. Mahalo for your support.

- 1. Donations may be dropped off at the Daifukuji Hall from August 26 September 7. Place items inside the hall. Write the donor's name and address on the donation sheet. We are NOT able to accept old computers, large electronic equipment, exercise equipment or large appliances.
- 2. Please have all rummage items cleaned. Clothing should be washed.
- 3. Donation of live plants may be dropped off on Saturday, September 8 or by 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 9.
- 4. Donation of vegetables and other perishables may be dropped off Saturday, September 8 by 4:00 p.m.
- 5. Donation of baked goods and food items may be dropped off Sunday, September 9 by 7:00 a.m. Please label all food items and also include the donor's name.
- 6. All bazaar sale items are final: no refunds, returns or credits.
- 7. All members, please wear your Daifukuji T-shirts. See Rev. Jiko to purchase shirts. Shirts are available in children's and adult sizes in a variety of styles.
- 8. The Snack Shop and Temple Gift Shop will open at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the bazaar. All other units will open at 9:00 a.m.
- 9. Workers/members' vehicles should be parked in the cemetery area. Carpool if possible. If you need your car parked, please fill out and attach an identification tag to your keys for our parking staff. Key identification tags will be provided.
- 10. Lunch will be provided to all workers. Meal tickets will be issued to each Unit Chair by Avis Yamamoto.
- 11. At closing, each unit is responsible for cleaning its respective areas. Please assist other units as needed.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact bazaar co-chairs Joyce St. Arnault at 329-3833 or Stephen Tanaka at 938-4617. You may also call Rev. Jiko at 322-3524. Mahalo for your cooperation.

### August Dharma Programs



#### Dharma Study Classes - Tuesdays, August 14, 21, & 28 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Temple library

In August, our Dharma study group will be reading the last section of the book *Mindfulness* by Domyo Sater Burk, a Soto Zen teacher at Bright Way Zen in Portland, Oregon. These weekly classes are open to all. Call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 for further information.

Family Sangha Services: Sharing the Dharma with Children - Sundays, August 19 & 29 at 9:30 a.m. Child-friendly 45-minute services which include yoga, zazen, chanting, singing, & Dharma lessons. For children of all ages and their parents & grandparents. Call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 for information.

#### Zazen (Meditation)

- \* Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. 7:20 a.m.
- \* Thursdays, August 16 & 23 from 6:00 p.m. 7:20 p.m.

Both morning and evening sessions include a service. Donations may be placed in the box on the incense table. All are welcome. Please arrive at least 5-10 minutes before starting time. If you are new to zazen, please contact Rev. Jiko prior to attending your first session. (808) 322-3524, info@daifukuji.org.

#### Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation - Saturday, August 11 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Mindfully tracing the Heart Sutra & pictures of buddhas and bodhisattvas in silence unifies body, breath, and mind. All supplies provided. By donation.

**Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice** - Sunday, **August 5** from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Classes for beginners to start October 4 & be held on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Call Rev. Jiko (322-3524) for more information or to sign up.

#### The Gay Sangha - Friday, August 3 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

A Buddhist group open to all, with a particular invitation to gay women and men and their families and friends. Meetings are the first Fridays of each month at 6:00 pm. Meditation and discussion. Call Clear or Steve at (808) 328-0329.

#### T'ai Chi

Every Thursday from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema for information: (808) 345-1492.

**WANTED**: Old, used or new metal pipes 1/2" diameter to 1" diameter; prefer a length of 4 feet minimum. Will pick up. Pipes will be used to support fencing to keep pigs off temple property. Call the temple office (808) 322-3524.

## Library News

By Clear Houn Englebert



We have three new books by Thich Nhat Hanh: *Touching the Earth*, *Good Citizens*, and *Buddha Mind*, *Buddha Body*.

We have two new children's books:

Han Shan and Shi De by Zhou Wenjing and Joseph Janeti has black and white drawings.

When the Buddha Was an Elephant by Mark McGinnis has 32 Jataka tales with full color illustrations.

The new DVDs are:

A Zen Life (about D.T. Suzuki) by Michael Goldberg

Kona Daifukuji Annual Bazaar: May 7, 2017 by Akinori Imai

*Tsurayuki Dojoji* by Takamasa Fujima This traditional Japanese dance was performed at Daifukuji last year.

The new audio CDs are:

*Understanding Japan: A Cultural History*, Volume 1 of 2 by Mark Revina. Even though we only have volume one, it has six discs.

Samadhi Bhavana by Anan Akincano

Way of Clarity by Patrick Kearney

The other new arrivals are:

The Nature of Buddhist Ethics by Damien Keown

The Cow in the Parking Lot: A Zen Approach to Overcoming Anger by Leonard Scheff and Susan Edmiston

The Lotus Still Blooms by Joan Gattuso

Dharma Teacher's Handbook by Grace McLeod

The Buddhist Concepts of Karma and Rebirth by Sunthorn Na-Rangsi

The Wisdom of Forgiveness by the Dalai Lama

Zen: Paths from One Point by Takuzo Igarashi, translated by Diann Schultz

The Lost Temple of Java by Phil Grabsky

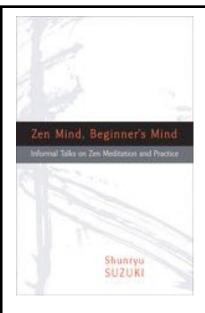
Art in Japanese Esoteric Buddhism by Takaaki Sawa

#### Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind Classes to Begin September 18

Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the Kannon Meditation Hall

All are welcome to attend a new series of classes on Soto Zen. Classes will begin at 3:30 p.m. with 25 minutes of zazen. (Please arrive a few minutes early to be seated. Late comers will be asked to sit in the pews and not enter the meditation hall after 3:30 p.m.) The first session on September 18 will end at 5:15 p.m. At this session the film *One Particle of Dust*, which is about the life of Shunryu Suzuki Roshi, will be shown. There is no fee for the Dharma, but donations to Daifukuji Soto Mission are welcome. Books are available through Rev. Jiko or the Gift Shop. (See article below.)

For more information, please contact Rev. Jiko: (808) 322-3524 or info@daifukuji.org.



## Daifukuji Gift Shop News

by Clear Houn Englebert

It's impossible to overstate the importance of the book *Zen Mind*, *Beginner's Mind* by Shunryu Suzuki. It's a delight to read, it conveys the true reality of what Zen training is all about, and at the Daifukuji gift shop—it's affordable! We get a great discount from the publisher (and get this—no shipping charge) and we pass that along to customers. The marked retail price is \$16.95 for the paperback and it's available at the gift shop for \$12.75. If you are attending the Dharma Study Group and would like to buy a copy, it's available at cost—\$8.50. Also, we have a few used copies, both paperback and hardback. And, if you'd like to read it for free—it's in the Daifukuji library (we have several copies). In addition, the library has the book in Japanese, and the gift shop has it in Spanish.

## Jam & Jelly Supplies Needed

Jam and jelly making for our upcoming bazaar will take place soon. A total of 50 lbs. of white sugar is needed. Any amount of donated white sugar is very much appreciated. Used 8 oz. jars without lids can also be donated. Questions? Call Ann at (808) 937-0149. Thank you.



## Reflections on Receiving the Precepts

by Harold Jihō Hall

Rev Jiko's style of communication—the Three Treasures in action so to speak—combined with systematically going through each precept and offering each group member an opportunity to share, clearly was inspirational and great leadership.

My fellow precept members were all gems. They not only shared but supported the other members. The group format and reading

materials were right on, and Rev Jiko was willing to meet with any member who wanted an individual session. A significant transformation for me personally, a process which started earlier in Dharma or other Buddhist settings and situations, was the realization that the precepts were not just a set of "Do nots" but that we should aspire to the positive, polar opposite. The Buddhist thought that there are no enlightened persons, only enlightened activities comes to mind in applying the precepts in our daily life.

The ceremony can accurately be described as magnificent—beautiful, transformational, inspirational, loving and historically linked in terms of lineage. I realized that over 2500 years of Buddhist wisdom, compassion and guidance were transmitted to us. Wow, what a sense of belonging, as if coming home.



A warm mahalo to Christopher McCullough for donating two containers filled with the lovely white phalaenopsis orchids which extend arms of welcome at the front door. Chris presented the plants to the temple as his "gift to the ancestors" at this time of Obon. Thank you, Chris.

On the topic of orchids, the Project Dana kapuna and volunteers thank Clyde Ikeda for the beautiful orchid plants which he so generously donates each month. Everyone gets to take home at least one orchid as a bingo prize. Arigato to Clyde!

## New Two-piece Pet Omamori



People love their pets and like the idea of giving them an omamori blessing for their safety, health, & longevity.

A new style of pet omamori for dogs

and cats is available for a donation of \$5.00. Available in either pink or blue, the new omamori comes with two separate pieces: an omamori with a clip which can be clipped to your pet's collar or used as a key holder, and a second omamori with a braided loop that can be attached to your cell phone or bag, or hung near the pet's living area. Blessings upon our pets who bring love & joy into our lives.



### Envisioning a Bright Future for Daifukuji:

Temple Members Invited to a Strategic Planning Meeting
Thursday, September 20 7:00 p.m. Temple Library

Although the temple's operation is currently going smoothly and the Legacy Endowment Fund is growing, there is still the reality of

continuously rising operational costs. Unlike some temples which have various sources of income, Daifukuji Soto Mission operates 100% on donations. Down the road, donations may not be enough to sustain the temple. Putting on fundraisers such as bazaars will become increasingly challenging for our aging members who are already being pushed to the limit. Rev. Jiko has asked the Board of Directors to work on a ten-year strategic plan for Daifukuji and expressed the importance of opening these planning sessions to temple members. If you are interested, please join us on Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. inside the temple.

## Japanese Song Classes to be Held in the Evening

Monday, September 24 7:00 p.m. Temple Library



Enjoy singing for fun? Want to learn Japanese? Starting **Monday, September 24**, Takako Oxley Sensei will be offering a monthly evening song class at 7:00 p.m. in the temple library. Every month she'll select a variety of Japanese songs and explain their lyrics while teaching the song. You'll learn Japanese words, phrases, and concepts along the way. Bring family and friends. For more information, contact Takako sensei at (808) 325-5271 or send an email to <a href="mailto:oxleyj002@gmail.com">oxleyj002@gmail.com</a>.

Note: Please disregard the date given in the July newsletter. The new date is September 24.

#### **Amazon Smile**



For those of you who shop online at Amazon.com, we have recently registered Daifukuji's Legacy Endowment Fund in the Amazon Smile program. You can help support our endowment by going to smile.amazon.com to shop. Same products, same prices, same service and 0.5% of eligible purchases are donated to the Legacy Endowment Fund. We will have more information on our website soon.



Mahalo to everyone who helped with the June 23 temple cleanup. Some of the regular hands were not able to make it due to the date change but there were plenty of fresh faces willing to pitch in. We were able to get through the whole clean up list before lunch.

Thank you to Joyce, Rev. Jiko, the Daifukuji Fujinkai, & Daifukuji Soto Mission for lunch.

Aloha,

Shaun Roth, Cleanup Chair



Mahalo to Rev. Hata & the members of Taishoji for participating in Daifukuji's Bon service.

# Baika Classes for Beginners to Start October 4

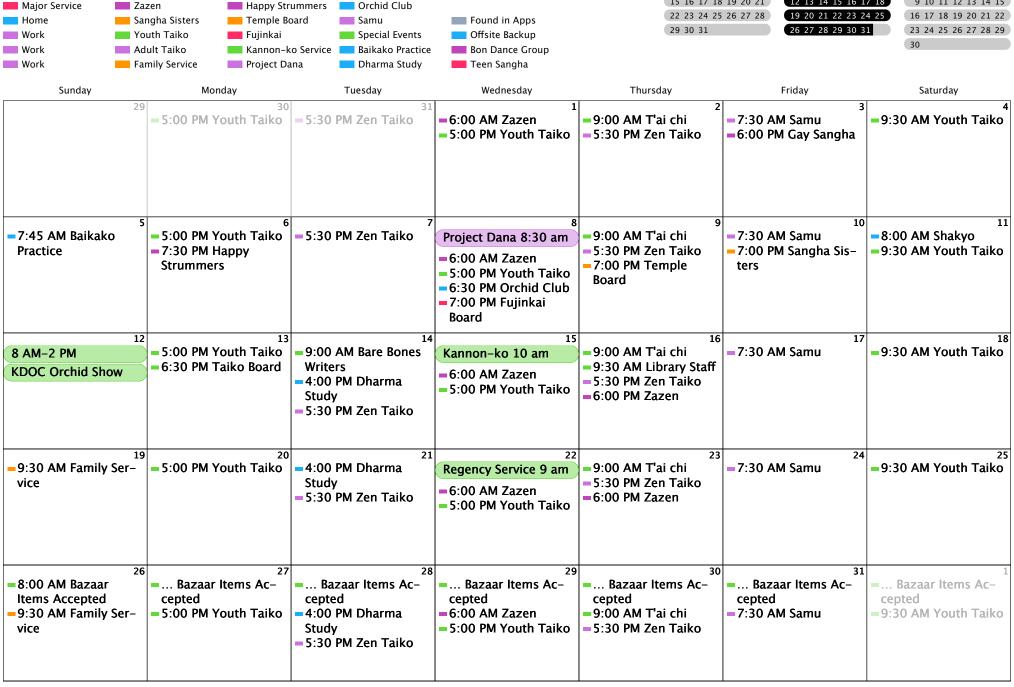
Introductory classes to Baika-ryu Eisanka, the singing of Buddhist hymns in Japanese to bell accompaniment, will begin on Thursday, October 4. Classes will be held every Thursday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Kannon Hall & will be taught by Michiko Enomoto. To register or for more information, please contact Rev. Jiko at 322-3524.

#### Coming up in September...

Bazaar.....September 9 Kannon-ko service.....September 19

Project Dana.....September 12 O-higan & Founders Service...September 23

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# **Bishop's Message:**Bishop Shugen Komagata

With the many Buddhist temples scattered throughout this island chain celebrating the Bon Dance every weekend from mid-June to the end of August, we are extremely fortunate to be blessed with comfortable weather throughout the summer.

For us, Bon is synonymous with family. It is a time to cultivate and nurture the spirit of family togetherness. Bon is a time to reflect upon our journey in life and to show our appreciation to all the people who have been part of our individual journey. This may mean offering prayers to our departed parents and grandparents. Sometimes it means offering prayers to family members who passes before we were born.

Bon services have already started at several of our Hawaii Soto temples. Here at Soto Mission of Hawaii in Nuuanu, the Bon services consists of O-Toba dedication services. "O-Toba" means "large Toba" in Japanese. The word "Toba" goes back to the Indian Sanskrit word "stupa,"



which means "monument" or "memorial shrine." Originally in India, the stupa was built to enshrine the Buddha's remains. The practice of "stupa building" or "stupa dedication" changed as Buddhism moved from India to China, Korea, later to Japan, and finally to Hawaii. The stupa itself later became the symbol of the Buddha-Dharma, and the site where the stupa was built often became the holy site of a temple. In Hawaii and throughout the world, the stupa is more commonly known as the "pagoda."

It is heartwarming to often see families spanning three to four generations attending the Bon services in Hawaii. Sometimes, family members from out of state travel to Hawaii annually to attend Bon services. The offering of prayer is the sincerest way to express their gratitude for all the many blessings they have received thus far in their lives.

The entire Bon experience is a beautiful Buddhist tradition because it has deep meaning for both young and old. The Bon tradition lives on because children attend services, visit gravesites of ancestors, and participate in Bon dances together with their parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, other relatives, and friends. As these children grow to adulthood, they, in turn, continue this tradition which bond them to family members of the immediate past generation and to all ancestors in the family.

During this Bon season, let us meditate upon our lives and families—as well as the lives of all living beings—and try to discard any negative feelings that we may have toward others. Let us extend the warm and positive energy of love and compassion to others. It is essential to honor life while offering respect and appreciation to departed loved ones in the family.

## 2018 SOTO MISSIONS BON DANCE SCHEDULE

<u>Temples</u>	<u>Dates</u>	Days	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>	Other Information	location	Contact
Mantokuji Soto Mission of Paia, Maui	July 13 & 14	Fri. & Sat.	7:30 PM	10:30 PM	Bon Dance	Paia, Maui	579-8051
Daifukuji Soto Mission (Kona)	July 14	Sat.	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Bon Dance	Kealakekua, Kona	322-3524
Wahiawa Ryusenji Soto Mission	July 20 & 21	Fri. & Sat.	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Taiko performance by Ryugen Taiko	Wahiawa	622-1429
		Fri. & Sat.	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Bon Dance		
		Fri. & Sat.	throughout		Fukushima Ondo & Niigata Ondo by Wa- hiawa Ryusenji Yagura Gumi		
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Taishoji Soto Mission (Hilo)	August 4	Sat.	7:00 PM	10:30 PM	Bon Dance	Hilo	935-8407
Guzeiji Soto Mission of Molokai	July 28	Sat.			Bon Dance	Molokai	658-0943
			8:00 PM	8:30 PM	Taiko performance by Hawaii Matsuri Taiko		
			throughout		Fukushima Ondo by Hawaii Matsuri Taiko		
Kauai Soto Zen Temple - Zenshuji	August 3 & 4	Fri. & Sat.	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	Taiko performance by Taiko Kauai	Kauai	335-3521
		Fri. & Sat.	7:30 PM	10:30 PM	Bon Dance		
Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji	August 3 & 4	Fri. & Sat.	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Bon Dance	Waipahu	671-3103
			throughout		Fukushima Ondo by Waipahu Taiyoji Yagura Gumi & Hawaii Matsuri Taiko		
		Fri.	8:00 PM	8:30 PM	Taiko Performance by Hawaii Matsuri Taiko		
					Okinawan Bon Dance by Hawaii Eisa		
		Sat.	8:00 PM	8:45 PM	Shinyuu Kai		
Soto Mission of Aiea - Taiheiji	August 10 & 11	Fri. & Sat.	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Taiko performance by Somei Taiko & Hawaii Matsuri Taiko	Aiea	488-6794
		Fri. & Sat.	7:00 PM	10:30 PM	Bon Dance		
		Fri. & Sat.	throughout		Fukushima Ondo by Aiea Taiheiji Yagura Gumi		
		Sat.	9:00 PM	9:45 PM	Okinawan Bon Dance by Hawaii Eisa Shinyuu Kai		
Soto Mission of Hawaii	August 17 & 18	Fri. & Sat.	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Bon Dance	Honolulu	537-9409
		Fri. & Sat.	throughout		Fukushima Ondo by Honolulu Fukushima Bon Dance Club		
		Fri.	8:30 PM	9:00 PM	Taiko performance by Hawaii Matsuri Taiko		
		Sat.	8:30 PM	9:15 PM	Okinawan Bon Dance by Hawaii Eisa Shinyuu Kai		