

Paradise on Earth Service
Greeting from Rev. Keiichiro Narii, President of Su no Hikari Kyodan
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My sincere congratulations, everyone, on the Paradise on Earth Service.

The rainy season in which we long for a clear day where the wind shakes the fresh green foliage has come.

I express my sincerest gratitude to God and Meishu-sama, who is together with Him, for being able to celebrate this service of very deep significance, this Paradise on Earth Service in the name of Messiah, together with all of you from all parts of the country who are united by a strong bond, always one heart with Kyoshu-sama.

At today's service, Kyoshu-sama is present here with us. After this year's establishment of the renewed Board of Directors in March, too, Kyoshu-sama made missionary visits to the United States of America, as well as various regions in Japan – Nagoya, Sapporo, Osaka, and Nara. I am truly grateful that you, Kyoshu-sama, are guiding all of us members around the world to the path of Meishu-sama's true salvation. I thank you most sincerely for this.

Also, today, Kyoshu-sama's wife Mayumi-okusama and Kyoshu-sama's successor Masaaki-sama are present. So here, I would like to present them to you. Mayumi-okusama, Masaaki-sama, with all due respect, please stand if you may. Thank you very much.

Later, we will receive a greeting from Masaaki-sama. We are looking forward to it.

Today, firstly, I will introduce to you our guests. From the Japanese Diet's House of Councilors, Mr. Kunihiko Muroi and his wife Hideko, as well as Ms. Haruko Arimura's Policies Supervisor Secretary, Mr. Takahiro Sato.

Mr. Muroi, Mrs. Muroi, Mr. Sato, if you may, please stand. Thank you very much. I would like to support Mr. Muroi and Ms. Arimura so that they may continue their active participation at the national level of government. To all members, I ask for your support.

Also attending today at this service are those representing overseas members. I will introduce them here to you. Rev. Thome from the Germany Church, five members from Angola including Rev. Javier, Assistant Director, and two members from the Hawaii Church. All of you, if you will, please stand. Let's welcome them with a big round of applause. Thank you very much.

Currently in Germany, aiming towards Kyoshu-sama's missionary trip to Europe in November, they are continuing the study and practice of this new phase of salvation with focus on the study of Kyoshu-sama's messages and the distribution of the leaflet (Who We Are: We Were Born on Earth to Become Children of God).

And in Africa, Igreja Messianica Mundial do Angola Trono de Kyoshu (Angola Sekai Kyusei Kyo Holy Seat of Kyoshu) was established last year in December. Beginning with 13,000 active members, I have heard that there are approximately 47,000 members belonging to the church. Now in Africa, Kyoshu-sama-centered divine work has spread to 11 countries, including Angola, and continues to grow.

And at the Hawaii Church, too, there are members who have declared their stance to walk together with Kyoshu-sama.

As such, with Kyoshu-sama opening wide the way of Meishu-sama's true salvation in various places overseas, next month, he will be making a missionary visit to Brazil.

In June's issue of *Shinzenbi*, the following hymn by Kyoshu-sama was published:

**Awakened to the New Salvation of God,
Energetic, bright and full of vigor,
Members continue to gather from all over the world.**

I would like for us to join hearts with the members overseas who have clearly declared their stance to be "always one heart with Kyoshu-sama," and as ones who have awakened to the truth of the name of Messiah, go forward with dreams and hopes in our hearts.

Now, Kyoshu-sama has let us know that God's light is always shining brilliantly within us, and has opened our hearts in a major way.

It is only owing to Kyoshu-sama's guidance, that we were awakened to the fact

that we have already received within ourselves the forgiveness within the name of Messiah and the Transition from Night to Day – a very grave matter for the salvation of humanity that Meishu-sama revealed to us.

Within the great confusion of the current church, I accept with sincere joy, that it is *this* awakening that is God's holy, authoritative will.

I believe it is still fresh in your memory, but last year, we sent our signatures to the Agency for Cultural Affairs resolutely petitioning against revisions to the bylaws that would remove our Fourth Spiritual Leader Yoichi Okada Kyoshu-sama and Su no Hikari Kyodan from Sekai Kyusei Kyo umbrella corporation.

Those who signed reached 40,000 people and I would like to express my sincere gratitude once again, to the many of you, members, who came together in thought with us. Thank you very much.

However, those in the illegitimate Board of Executive Directors of Sekai Kyusei Kyo have turned in an application to the Agency of Cultural Affairs for approval of revisions to the SKK bylaws accompanied by a Certificate of Approval signed by self-named "Nobuyuki Okada," or Mr. Nobuyuki Watase, self-proclaimed "Fifth Kyoshu," a scholar of Hinduism, a trustee of an organization related to MOA, and unrelated by birth to Meishu-sama.

It is believed that the response from the Agency for Cultural Affairs will come in a month or two. However, in order to clearly show them our stance, Su no Hikari Kyodan, Izunome Group and Toho no Hikari Group are once again, with all of your understanding and cooperation, proceeding with a large-scale, worldwide signature-collecting campaign.

Those in the pilgrimage group from Angola that came to Japan to attend this time's service, brought with them over 32,000 signatures of members from Africa, and I have heard that an estimated few thousand will be signing still ahead. Even in the faraway land of Africa, I have heard that the African members have been signing the petition one after another with sincere joy, knowing that they can do something for Kyoshu-sama. Members from Angola, and all members of Africa, thank you very much.

60-some years have passed since Meishu-sama passed away. I have strongly been made to think in my heart that we cannot allow Meishu-sama's true salvation that Kyoshu-sama has now lighted, the light of faith that receives the truth of the name of Messiah, to go out no matter what.

From all of you, at this time too, I kindly ask to receive your understanding and cooperation for this signature-collecting campaign.

We of Su no Hikari Kyodan and Izunome Group, as well as Toho no Hikari Group, under the church guideline/motto “Always one heart with Kyoshu-sama,” have boldly gone forward as a coordinating and collaborating organization.

And over the course of this one year, we have been building up efforts from activities such as deciding to hold these grand services united as one, making strides in the distribution of the same leaflet (Who We Are: We Were Born on Earth to Become Children of God), and having the same church publication, *Shinzenbi* magazine.

The path that we are aiming for is only one. It is the path of receiving Meishu-sama’s true salvation that is in the name of Messiah and to convey it everywhere around the world together with Kyoshu-sama.

For that purpose, I believe that God is already using us as one church. Under Kyoshu-sama, going well beyond coordination and collaboration up until today, I would like for us to go forward seeking an even more unified way of being.

Today’s Paradise on Earth Service is a day marking a new start. Always one heart with Kyoshu-sama, in complete solidarity and joining together, let us go forward with great hope in our hearts.

After this, a video will be aired entitled, “To Become Children of God: Kyoshu-sama’s Missionary Visit to America.” Continuing on, we will receive a greeting from Masaaki-sama and a message from Kyoshu-sama.

As pioneers for humanity who have awakened to the truth of the name of Messiah, I would like to accept Kyoshu-sama’s message and Masaaki-sama’s greeting we will be receiving today, in the center of our hearts.

And afterwards, finally, in the resonating joyous voices of the offering of the “Hallelujah” chorus from Handel’s *Messiah* by 260 people representing all of you, let us set out with renewed hearts, praising from our hearts, God, our true parent.

I express my gratitude for the precious time I have received before Kyoshu-sama’s appearance and here, I end my greeting to you.

Thank you very much.