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Speech at The 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Ceremony of  
The “Shikai Keitei Bankoku Wahei” Peace Stone  
By Toru Hayama, Chairman of the Board of Hoseikai



Father Paul Glynn, Mr. Adrian Diethelm, Rector of St. John’s College, The University of Sydney, Mr. Tokuhisa Idei, the President of Shuyodan Hoseikai, ladies and gentlemen , good morning.

My name is Toru Hayama, Chairman of the Board of Shuyodan Houseikai, responsible for operation of the corporation.

I am very much pleased to be here and to meet Father Paul Glynn again, and the members of St. John’s College , great friends of ours.

And I feel very glad to see the “Shikai Keitei Bankoku Wahei Peace Stone” maintained very carefully and beautifully.

At this time, we , the members of Shuyodan Hoseikai came here from Japan to pray “Eternal World Peace”, in front of the “Shikai Keitei Bankoku Wahei Peace Stone”.

I would like to thank member of St. John’s College for accepting our desire to pray here and for preparing for 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Ceremony of the Peace Stone today.

Seitarou Idei, the founder of the Hoseikai, made up his mind to dedicate his whole life to “Eternal World Peace”, and actually he has made every effort in all his life.

The year of 1928, 13 years before the world war , when Japanese government was being controlled by army, he warned against the government never to take territories and properties by arms from other countries. However it was neglected, he was arrested and was sent to prison and stayed there for a while.

After the Hoseikai opened in 1941, just before World War , he devoted his effort to give relief to people who had difficulties during and after the war. By these sincere efforts by him, members of Hoseikai, as his followers and his cooperators, increased up to around 20,000.

Then in 1969, he again declared to dedicate to “Eternal World Peace” and with cooperation by the members of Hoseikai, constructed many peace stones in Japan and in countries closely related with us.

In 1977, “Village for Eternal World Peace”, that is Yukyusekaiheiwakyou in Japanese, was completed at Darumayama Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan, from where we could see very beautiful Mt. Fuji.

At the opening ceremony, he said that the Village was not only for the Hoseikai, but for all the people in the world, and was the place where, beyond the barriers of race, nationality and religion, people from all over the world will gather and swear to make effort for “Eternal World Peace” through dialog by soul with Mt. Fuji, symbol of great nature.

Six years later, in 1983, he passed away, leaving words to us to continue making every effort for the “Eternal World Peace”.

Later, the “Shikai Keitei Bankoku Wahei Peace Stone was built as the series of peace stones for the “Eternal World Peace”, by the successor Mr. Shigeru Idei along Seitarou Idei’s will, and dedicated to St. John’s college.

Since then, 30 years has passed, and we are still continuing our effort for “Eternal World Peace”, although our effort is too small compared with Mr. Seitarou Idei’s vision.

We were told by Seitarou Idei, that the key for the Eternal World Peace was “to respect and love all souls and things”.

Each one of us shall open our mind to everyone in the world, beyond barriers of race, nationality, religion, try to understand each other, respect and love them, and then make a small circle of peace, and expand the circle of peace to the “Eternal World Peace”.

Lately there are many enmities and disputes around the world, between races, between religions, between countries. I feel those to be crises for world peace.

Today we gathered around the peace stone here. I feel we have made one of the small circles of peace with you here.

I hope that this circle would be the origin of another big circle of peace, and would contribute toward settling the enmities and disputes.

Thank you very much for your attention.