



Myohoji Temple

Did You Know? #9

The Temple Memorial Book (*Dai-Kakocho*)

Every Nichiren Shoshu temple has a memorial book on the altar just to the left of the Chief Priest's seat. It is called the *Dai-Kakocho* which translates as "Great Memorial Book." As with all *Kakocho* memorial books, the temple *Dai-Kakocho* contains the names of each High Priest of Nichiren Shoshu, significant events in True Buddhism, the names of Nichiren Daishonin's parents, and Nanjo Tokimitsu, the believer who donated the land where Head Temple Taisekiji was founded.

A Nichiren Shoshu Temple's *Dai-Kakocho* also contains the names of deceased persons who have been entered into the book at the request of a believer. Anyone can have an entry made into the *Dai-Kakocho*. Each month the Chief Priest will include the deceased person in the fifth prayer of Gongyo for that day. The significance of the temple's *Dai-Kakocho* is that prayers will be offered even after the person who requested the inclusion into the book passes away.

An application form can be obtained from the temple's administration office along with details on the suggested Gokuyo.