



# *Kaigai Shinja Benkyōkai*

## a Webinar by *Kyōshu Seishisha Tomomarukō Sensei*

To our fellow members living overseas,

We hope this message finds you well.

In an unprecedented situation the world is facing today, every one of us is doing our best to play our part and at the same time doing our best to protect the well-being of ourselves and the family.

As we are all playing our part to stay home, more times are spent with the family. To some, it has been an opportunity to spend quality time. But on the other hand, there are heartbreaking stories about people unable to participate in the flow of times, or hear about families unable to care about each other and resulting in hurtful situations. In any case, we are all faced with a challenge on how much we can maintain a mentality to not only think of ourselves but to think of other around us, and to be able to think that we are all in this together.

In times like this, how we think and how we can participate to harmonize with our surrounding situations become critical.

An important mindset that leads to right judgments can be obtained from the teachings.

*Kigan* can sustain our *kokoro*—our emotional balance to live our life.

Please trust and live each day with confidence that these two things above can be developed through the learning environment of *Shinji Kyōkai* and it promises a bright future for all.

We have decided to cancel *Kaigai Shinja Benkyōkai*—a lecture by *Kyōshu Seishisha Tomomarukō Sensei* that was scheduled to be held at New York City in July due to the worldwide pandemic situation.

However, we would like to deliver an important message that needs to be told now. All of us at *Shinji Kyōkai* hope that you take in our message as a guidance to overcome the difficult times.

*Ōyamanezunomikoto* is a *Kami* that protects people's *kokoro*. And the power of *Kami* that protects is *Kibō no Michi*. This divine power is what stays close by our side in the journey of life. And with this power, we are able to experience the miracles of gaining calmness and peace within us.

Time will move forward and we will see this terrible situation come to an end.

As we make our way to reach the other side of the tunnel, many of us will start to see the important mindset that *Kami* has been teaching us, and how families really ought to be. Through the many changes we had to make in the process and finding the 'new normal,' we will find the true meaning of what it means to harmonize.

*Kami* wishes for all of us who are learning the teachings to stay strong and keep on practicing the teachings for a better future.

※ The special webinar by *Kyōshu Seishisha Tomomarukō Sensei* will be uploaded in the webcast program real soon.

