

A. Verses

Verse of Homage to Buddha's Relics

(*Shari raimon* 舍利礼文)

With wholehearted reverence we bow
to the relics of the true body
◎ of the Tathagata Shakyamuni,
who is fully endowed with myriad virtues;
to the dharma body which is the fundamental ground;
and to his stupa, which is the whole
universe. With deep respect we venerate the one
who manifested a body for our sake.
I through the sustaining power of the Buddha,
which enters us even as we enter it,
we verily awakening.
By means of the Buddha's spiritual power,
we benefit living beings,
● arouse the thought of awakening,
cultivate bodhisattva practice,
and together enter perfect peace,
● the knowledge of the equality of all things.
Now let us reverently bow.

Sutra-Opening Verse

(*Kaikyō ge* 開經偈)

The unsurpassed, profound, and wondrous dharma
is rarely met with, even in a hundred, thousand, million
kalpas.
Now we can see and hear it, accept and maintain it.
May we unfold the meaning of the Tathagata's truth.