

BDK ENGLISH TRIPĪṬAKA SERIES: A Progress Report

In 2005, three new volumes were published, comprising the Eleventh Set of the BDK English Tripiṭaka Series: Zen Texts [Taishō 2012-A, 2543, 2586, 2543]; The Awakening of Faith [Taishō 1666]; and The Vairocanaḥhisamḥbodhi Sutra [Taishō 848].

The following texts from the Taishō Tripiṭaka (listed by year of publication) have been published to date, for a total of sixty-five texts in thirty-four volumes.

The Biographical Scripture of King Aśoka [Taishō 2043] (1993)

The Lotus Sutra [Taishō 262] (1994)

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The Storehouse of Sundry Valuables [Taishō 203] (1994)

A Biography of the Tripiṭaka Master of the Great Ci'en Monastery of the Great Tang Dynasty [Taishō 2053] (1995)

The Essentials of the Vinaya Tradition [Taishō 2348]/The Collected Teachings of the Tendai Lotus School [Taishō 2366] (1995)

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Senchaku Hongan Nembutsu Shū (A Collection of Passages on the Nembutsu Chosen in the Original Vow) [Taishō 2608] (1997)

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- The Platform Sutra of the Sixth Patriarch [Taishō 2008] (2000)
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 Apocryphal Scriptures [Taishō 389, 685, 784, 842, & 2887] (2005)
 Zen Texts [Taishō 2012-A, 2543, 2580, & 2586] (2005)
 The Awakening of Faith [Taishō 1666] (2005)
 The Vairocanaḅhisambodhi Sutra [Taishō 848] (2005)

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The Numata Center for Buddhist Translation and Research as well as the Editorial Committee of the BDK English Tripiṭaka Project look forward to continuing to publish volumes of the English Tripiṭaka Series. Through this work we hope to help to fulfill the dream of founder Reverend Dr. Yehan Numata to make the teaching of the Buddha available to the English-speaking world.

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The *Pacific World*—Its History

Throughout my life, I have sincerely believed that Buddhism is a religion of peace and compassion, a teaching which will bring spiritual tranquillity to the individual, and contribute to the promotion of harmony and peace in society. My efforts to spread the Buddha's teachings began in 1925, while I was a graduate student at the University of California at Berkeley. This beginning took the form of publishing the *Pacific World*, on a bi-monthly basis in 1925 and 1926, and then on a monthly basis in 1927 and 1928. Articles in the early issues concerned not only Buddhism, but also other cultural subjects such as art, poetry, and education, and then by 1928, the articles became primarily Buddhist. Included in the mailing list of the early issues were such addressees as the Cabinet members of the U.S. Government, Chambers of Commerce, political leaders, libraries, publishing houses, labor unions, and foreign cultural institutions.

After four years, we had to cease publication, primarily due to lack of funds. It was then that I vowed to become independently wealthy so that socially beneficial projects could be undertaken without financial dependence on others. After founding the privately held company, Mitutoyo Corporation, I was able to continue my lifelong commitment to disseminate the teachings of Buddha through various means.

As one of the vehicles, the *Pacific World* was again reactivated, this time in 1982, as the annual journal of the Institute of Buddhist Studies. For the opportunity to be able to contribute to the propagation of Buddhism and the betterment of humankind, I am eternally grateful. I also wish to thank the staff of the Institute of Buddhist Studies for helping me to advance my dream to spread the spirit of compassion among the peoples of the world through the publication of the *Pacific World*.

Yehan Numata
Founder, Mitutoyo Corporation

In Remembrance

In May of 1994, my father, Yehan Numata, aged 97 years, returned to the Pure Land after earnestly serving Buddhism throughout his lifetime. I pay homage to the fact that the *Pacific World* is again being printed and published, for in my father's youth, it was the passion to which he was wholeheartedly devoted.

I, too, share my father's dream of world peace and happiness for all peoples. It is my heartfelt desire that the *Pacific World* helps to promote spiritual culture throughout all humanity, and that the publication of the *Pacific World* be continued.

Toshihide Numata
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