

January 23, 2023 *Seirei no Gi*

*Shinji*

*The new year is when all your thoughts of the previous year are returned to Shinkon (Kami), and it is an era (a time) to make new convictions (pledge).*

*Kami accepts the goshintai that is returned and receives the pledge of the shinja.*

*Understand correctly the meaning (the significance) of the Seirei purification.*

*The kokoro of the shinja, who understands this, will be purified and uplifted.*

*The pledge made during the new year visit to Kami is pure and noble.*

*The love for your family members is increasingly fostered, and the hopes and aspirations of that family grow greatly.*

*Seirei no Gi—To have dreams and aspirations in life, to have hope as you live out this year.*

*Understand well the significance of this and make your new year pledge during the transition from the old to the new.*

*The month of the shinja's new year visit is a time to visit the house of Kami with your family members and pledge anew the prosperity of your family (house) and the health of your family members.*