The Ikegami Transfer Document

I TRANSMIT the fifty years of teachings of Shakyamuni Buddha to Nikkō, Āchārya Byakuren. He should be the superintendent of Minobu-san Kuon-ji temple. Anyone, either lay believer or cleric, who goes against this, is a person who acts against the correct teaching.

At Ikegami in Musashi Province
Nichiren

The thirteenth day of the tenth month in the fifth year of Kōan [1282], cyclic sign mizunoe-uma

Background

This transfer document was written by Nichiren Daishōnin at the residence of Ikegami Munenaka at Ikegami in Musashi Province (present-day Tokyo) on the thirteenth day of the tenth month of 1282, the day he passed away. Together with the transfer document written at Minobu, it is known as one of two transfer documents. It is also referred to as The Document for Entrusting Minobu-san.

Having already transmitted all the teachings he had propagated throughout his lifetime to Nikkō in the first transfer document, written in the ninth month, the Daishōnin now designates him as the chief priest of Minobu-san Kuon-ji temple and warns that anyone who fails to abide by this will be going against the correct teaching of Buddhism.