

SGINL Newsletter study-exam level 1 & 2 (2025)

On 10th of May 2024 from 14:00 till 16:00 o'clock there will be an opportunity to participate in the SGI Netherlands Level 1 and 2 study exams. The study exams also provide a perfect opportunity to support participants in these exams as study coaches and study the study material together.

The tradition of the study exams finds its basis in the words of Nichiren Daishonin who encourages us as follows: "Exert yourself in the two ways of practice and study. Without practice and study, there can be no Buddhism." (WND-I, p. 386) In the New Human Revolution, SGI President Daisaku Ikeda writes the following about the significance of taking part in a Buddhist study exam: "Thank you very much for taking the trouble to come here and challenge this exam. Some of you must be wondering why we have to study such difficult Buddhist theory, when surely it's simply enough to chant daimoku and receive benefit. Please bear in mind, however, that while correct faith does bring tremendous benefit, it is also fraught with obstacles and difficulties. Unless you have a solid grounding in study, you'll start to have doubts when problems arise." What a good fortune that by participating or supporting the study exams we can strengthen the foundation of faith.

This year there will be two preparation meetings at the cultural center in Amsterdam (hybrid) to support participants in their preparations to deepen their understanding of the study material with their own lives. The first preparation meeting will cover the meaning of Buddhist study and will give a bird's eye view of the study material with an explanation of what to expect in terms of questions during the study exam so that everyone can prepare well for the exam. The second meeting will be a question and answer session where members and guests (level 1) can ask questions about the study material.

We especially encourage all participants to study together in their local district, chapter or region with a study coach, someone who has passed the exam before, (and local members). Thus, the preparation meetings are not a substitute for local preparations, but only complement the local preparations.

Below you will find the criteria to participate in level 1 or 2, an overview of the preparation meetings and the e-mail address where you can send an e-mail for questions/and or comments.

Information study-exam level 1

Criteria participation study exam level 1:

- Guest or member of SGI Netherlands and
- not previously passed study exam level 1.

Registration link level 1:

Through this link you can register for the study exam:

<https://forms.office.com/e/JVyj4Y3hGE> (level 1)

After registration, you will receive a confirmation email within one week including the study material which can also already be accessed through the download website of SGI Netherlands: <https://download.sginl.org/>

We will also send a reminder with the final practical details one week before the study exam.

Preparation meeting 1 (hybride)

Topic : General explanation purpose of Buddhist study and explanation study material

Date : 1st of March 2025 from 13:00 till 15:00 o'clock. Daimoku and gongyo is from 13:00 till 14:00 o'clock in the main hall.

Venue : Main hall at Ikeda Friendship and Peace Center (address: Osdorper Ban 130-132, 1069 ZR Amsterdam)

Online : <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/LI6Nm2leRSyTnsbpJ9Bilg>
(Zoom registration-link)

Vorbereidingsbijeenkomsten 2 (hybride)

Topic : Q&A session about the study material

Date : 3 May 2025 from 13:00 till 15:00 o'clock. Daimoku and gongyo is from 13:00 till 14:00 o'clock in the main hall.

Venue : Main hall at Ikeda Friendship and Peace Center (address: Osdorper Ban 130-132, 1069 ZR Amsterdam)

Online : https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/-Q_T1ofASJKo9ua12cNhYA
(Zoom registration-link)

Questions and/or remarks

If you have questions and/or remarks please send an email to:

studie-examen@sginl.org.

Information study-exam level 2

Criteria for participation in level 2 study exam

- Age from 18 years and older;
- Member of SGI Netherlands;
- Study exam level 1 obtained in 2023 or earlier. (Please note: If you obtained level 1 in 2024 then it is not possible to participate in the level 2 study exam already this year. In that case you are warmly encouraged to participate as a study coach for the participants who will participate in level 1) and
- not previously passed level 2 study exam.

Registration link level 2

You can register for the study exam through this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/S0VBZxSYXQ> (level 2)

After registration, you will receive a confirmation email within one week including the study material which can also already be accessed through the download website of SGI Netherlands: <https://download.sginl.org/>

We will also send a reminder with the final practical details one week before the study exam.

Preparation meeting 1 (hybrid)

- Topic** : General explanation purpose of Buddhist study and explanation study material
- Date** : 1st of March 2025 from 13:00 till 15:00 o'clock. Daimoku and gongyo is from 13:00 till 14:00 o'clock in the Golden Butsuma.
- Venue** : Main hall at the Ikeda Friendship and Peace Center (address: Osdorper Ban 130-132, 1069 ZR Amsterdam)
- Online** : <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/LI6Nm2leRSyTnsbpJ9Bilg>
(Zoom registration-link)

Preparation meeting 2 (hybrid)

- Topic** : Q&A about the study material
- Date** : 3rd of May 2025 from 13:00 till 15:00 uur. Daimoku and gongyo is from 13:00 till 14:00 o'clock in the Golden Butsuma
- Venue** : Golden Butsuma at het Ikeda Friendship and Peace Center (address: Osdorper Ban 130-132, 1069 ZR Amsterdam)
- Online** : [Joining via this link](#)
Meeting-id: 333 729 267 141
Password: ta9HF2dv (Ms Teams)

Study coaches

Participants are encouraged to check with their local (district) leaders who can support them as a study coach.

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