

# SGI <sup>USA</sup> MEMO

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Attached please find SGI President Ikeda's message commemorating November 18th, Soka Gakkai Founding Day in English and Japanese. Please feel free to share this message at appropriate meetings throughout the remainder of the month.

Thank you very much for your support!

## Message

My dear friends of the SGI-USA:

I offer my heartiest congratulations on the holding of your SGI-USA Commemorative Discussion Meetings, which splendidly dignify the month of our founding. I have been hearing in detail about the great progress of my American comrades. Thank you very much for all of your painstaking daily efforts.

Every action and every prayer you have made for *kosen-rufu* and for other people will accrue in your life as good fortune. There can be no doubt that all the Buddhas, bodhisattvas and protective forces in the universe will forever watch over and protect your families and all those with whom you share a close connection.

Amid the realities of daily living, you are overcoming worries and problems, developing your state of life, and walking the great path to happiness for yourself and for others. Nothing could be greater or nobler than your lives, which are devoted to your mission.

Nichiren Daishonin writes: “The deeper the roots, the more luxuriant the branches. The farther the source, the longer the stream” (*The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, vol. 1, p. 940). As this passage suggests, let’s be confident that we who are living in this pioneering period of worldwide *kosen-rufu*, are sinking the “roots” and establishing the “source” of peace and happiness for humankind that will endure for many thousands of years.

Looking toward next year, when we celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Soka Gakkai’s founding and the 50th anniversary of the start of our global *kosen-rufu* movement, please advance together with even deeper friendship and greater good cheer.

My dearest, treasured fellow members of the SGI-USA, my wife and I are praying together earnestly for your good health and longevity, and for the great prosperity of your families.

November 2009

Daisaku Ikeda

## 伝 言

創立の月を晴れやかに飾るアメリカ SGI 地区総会の開催、大変におめでとうございます。アメリカ同志の皆様の大前進の様子は、詳しく伺っております。毎日本当にご苦労さまです。

広布のため、人々のために動いた分、祈った分、全てが我が身の福運となり、仏・菩薩、諸天が一家眷族を永遠に護りゆくことは、間違いありません。

そして、現実の日々の生活の中で、悩みや課題を乗り越え、我が境涯を開き、自他共の幸福への大道を歩みゆく、皆さんの使命の人生ほど偉大なものはありません。

御聖訓に「根ふかければ枝しげし源遠ければ流ながし」(329 頁) と仰せのように、世界広宣流布の草創期を生きる私達は、万年にわたる人類の平和と幸福の「根」を張り、「源」を築いていることを確信してまいろうではありませんか。

どうか、明年の創立 80 周年、世界広布 50 周年という意義ある佳節へ向け、更に仲良く、朗らかに前進して行ってください。

大切な、大切なアメリカの同志の皆様のご健康とご長寿、そしてご一家の繁栄を、私は妻と共に、真剣に祈っております。どうか、お元気で。

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