



## Organization Dept

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DISTRIBUTE TO: All Members  
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SUBJECT: SGI President Ikeda's Message Commemorating Men's Month

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Attached please find SGI President Ikeda's message commemorating men's month in English and Japanese. The Chinese, Korean and Spanish versions of this message are forthcoming and will appear in a future memo and also online at [www.sgi-usa.org](http://www.sgi-usa.org). Please share this message at appropriate meetings throughout the month of August.

Thank you very much for your support!

## Message

To my trusted members of the SGI-USA Men's Division, I offer my most heartfelt congratulations to all of you on holding your men's division general meetings commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Soka Gakkai's founding!

Today, Nichiren Buddhism, the Buddhism of the sun, is shedding its brilliant light all around the world. We have arrived at a time in which our movement for peace, culture and education, grounded in Buddhist principles, must send its light of hope throughout society.

You have been exerting yourselves powerfully, day and night, for the sake of kosen-rufu, for the sake of the people and for the sake of society. Nichiren Daishonin is most surely aware of your noble endeavors. Please be firmly convinced that all your hard work and struggles today will turn into wonderful good fortune and virtue that will adorn your lives into the future.

In each country, in every locale, wherever the men's division members are cheerfully and actively exerting themselves, everyone feels at ease.

The key to the development and victory of kosen-rufu is the presence of men's division members who are trusted in their communities, men who show actual proof of the principles that faith is manifest in daily life and that Buddhism is the basis for society. Now is the time for the members of the men's division, as great generals of the Mystic Law, to win over every difficulty through the "strategy of the Lotus Sutra" and leave behind a splendid history of personal victory.

Nichiren states, "To discard the shallow and seek the profound is the way of a person of courage" (*The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, vol. 1, p. 402). I hope that all of you who uphold the supreme philosophy of the Mystic Law will possess hearts of courage. Today more than yesterday, tomorrow more than today, please advance along a path of wonderful improvement.

And, it is my hope that, as golden pillars of kosen-rufu, you will protect and foster the youth. While broadly and warmly embracing your comrades in faith, please advance together in the unity of many in body, one in mind.

A person who cherishes young people will always be young. This is something I once discussed with the renowned British historian Arnold J. Toynbee.

I wish my precious comrades in America the greatest success in all of your endeavors. And I am praying from the bottom of my heart for your good health and long life, and that your families will enjoy great happiness. Hurray for the men's division of the SGI-USA! May glory and victory be yours!

Daisaku Ikeda  
August 2010

## 伝 言

わが信頼するアメリカ S G I 壮年部の皆さま、学会創立 80 周年を記念する晴れやかな壮年部総会の開催、誠におめでとうございます。今や日蓮大聖人の太陽の仏法は世界中を赫々と照らし、仏法を基調とした平和、文化、教育の運動は社会に希望の光を放つ時代に入りました。

広宣流布のため、人々のため、社会のため、日夜、奮闘されている皆様の尊きご活躍は、何よりも日蓮大聖人が御照覧であります。必ずや今の労苦は、偉大な福德となり、我が身を飾ることを確信して下さい。

各国、各地にあって、はつらつたる壮年の活躍があれば皆が安心である。「信心即生活」「仏法即社会」の実証を示し、地域で信頼される壮年の

存在は、広布の発展と勝利の鍵であります。今こそ壮年部は、妙法の名将として、いかなる困難も「法華経の兵法」で勝ち越え、自身の偉大な勝利の歴史を残して行って下さい。

「浅きを去って深きに就くは丈夫の心なり」と御聖訓には仰せであります。どうか、妙法という最高の哲理を持った皆さま方は、「丈夫の心」で昨日よりは今日、今日よりは明日へと偉大な向上の道を進んで下さい。そして広布の黄金柱として、青年を守り、青年を育て、同志を大きく包容しながら異体同心の前進をお願いします。青年を大切に人は、いつまでも若い。これはトインビー博士と語りあったことでもあります。

大切なアメリカの同志のご健闘を祈ります。

益々のご健康とご長寿と、ご一家のご多幸を、私は心より祈っております。

アメリカ壮年部に栄光と勝利あれ！      アメリカ壮年部万歳！

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