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FROM: SGI-USA Organization Center
SUBJECT: **Sensei's Message for the March Chapter Youth Discussion Meetings**

Congratulations! We have received a message from SGI President Daisaku Ikeda for the March Chapter Youth Discussion Meetings happening March 7–15.

Please have the message read at each meeting. Thank you very much!

Message

To my beloved members of the SGI-USA Youth Division!

Congratulations on holding this spirited Chapter Youth Discussion Meeting, brimming with your vow as successors of kosen-rufu!

And to all our guests: I sincerely thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend this meeting.

Right now throughout the world, as global citizens, young Bodhisattvas of the Earth are transcending differences of race and nationality, forming new friendships and expanding our alliance for peace.

Nichiren Daishonin states, "The purpose of the appearance in this world of Shakyamuni Buddha, the lord of teachings, lies in his behavior as a human being" ("The Three Kinds of Treasure," *The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, vol. 1, p. 852).

An essential aspect of our unparalleled Buddhist practice taught in the Lotus Sutra is to respect all human beings. In this age of uncertainty, we believe in our own Buddha nature and that of others. It is for this reason that we strive to cherish and encourage the person right in front of us, imparting the light of hope while patiently engaging in dialogues about peace and nonviolence.

Upholding the principle of respect for the dignity of life, the Soka youth movement will be making even greater contributions in society from now on.

I am sure that you have many struggles, but please view the hardships you face during your youth as your treasures and chant Nam-myoho-renge-kyo based on your vow for kosen-rufu. With abundant life force, please challenge yourself in your work, your studies and your SGI activities. And please create value in your own unique way as you live with limitless hope.

Your happiness and triumph equals the victory of the SGI-USA.

And the SGI-USA's advancement equals the advancement of worldwide kosen-rufu.

My wife and I are praying for your health, success and growth. Please have a meaningful and enjoyable meeting!

Daisaku Ikeda

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