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**FROM:** SGI-USA Organization Center  
**SUBJECT:** **Message Commemorating Young Women's Division Founding Day**

*Congratulations! Ikeda Sensei has sent a message to the young women's division commemorative meetings celebrating the founding of the young women's division on July 19, 1951.*

*Please have Ikeda Sensei's message read at these gatherings.*

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### Message

Many congratulations on holding this bright and vibrant commemorative meeting to unite in heart and celebrate the establishment of the Young Women's Division!

I would first like to offer my deepest condolences to those who passed away due to the widespread outbreak of COVID-19. I am sending daimoku for the recovery of those battling illness, and for the health, longevity, safety and tranquility of all my treasured friends.

At this time when the world faces intense challenges, it is truly remarkable how you, the young women's division members, are spreading the brilliant light of hope by uniting based on abundant prayer, Buddhist study and encouraging one another.

My wife, Kaneko, and I are sending our heartfelt daimoku to each of you facing indescribable hardships and worries.

Nichiren Daishonin assures his disciple, the lay nun Myoshin, stating: "This character myo is the moon, it is the sun, it is the stars, it is a mirror, it is garments, it is food, it is flowers, it is the great earth, it is the great sea. All benefits clustered together make up the character myo" (*The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, vol. 2, pp. 879–80).

No matter what happens, as long as you continue to chant Nam-myoho-renge-kyo, you can transform any struggle into fuel for fresh advancement, and any suffering into renewed creativity and wisdom. And the flowers of victory and happiness will undeniably blossom at your workplace, in your daily life and throughout your community.

You all possess the world's supreme philosophy of happiness. You also have the greatest comrades in faith practicing alongside you. And you have the Soka family. Please continue supporting one another as good friends of Soka and, with expansive hearts as broad as the earth and as vast as the ocean, illuminate everything with your solidarity of hope and peace.

Please live out your days of youth remembering to treasure your parents—showering them with your smiles—and making health and safety your top priority as you advance with joy and perseverance.

Daisaku Ikeda  
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