

A Great Achievement in Human History **Courtesy of SGI NEWSLETTER**

The following is a summary of comments by SGI President Ikeda at conferences in Tokyo in February and March.

- The steady propagation of the Mystic Law throughout the world is a great achievement in human history. It is a revolution of eternal significance, committed as it is to enabling people to become happy on the most fundamental level. All involved in this noble undertaking possess a truly profound mission.

- In life and in Buddhist practice, serious consequences can arise from placing our trust in or deciding to follow the wrong person. We have to distinguish correctly whom we can truly trust and follow. Mr. Toda's greatness lies in the fact that he chose Mr. Makiguchi as his mentor and unswervingly upheld the way of mentor and disciple throughout his life.

- In any endeavor, the final stages of completion, the finishing touches, are important. The final outcome of our lives is determined by how we live our final chapter, how we bring our lives to completion. The teachings of Buddhism, which provide essential answers to questions of life and death, are indispensable in this pursuit. Fame, social position, material wealth, knowledge — all are ephemeral, powerless in the face of death's inexorable reality. When we believe in the Mystic Law, we can make our final moment a majestic conclusion to a wonderful life. And we can make it a fresh departure toward our next wonderful existence, without death ever being a cause of suffering.

- We can create the right direction for our activities when we listen to everyone's opinions, discuss them and reach a consensus. When we look from the top down, we only see about 20 or 30 percent of the organization. But if we view it from the bottom up, we see 70 or 80 percent. We must, therefore, treasure and value everyone's opinion.

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