

## **SGI President's Message**

### **March 16 — The Eternal Flow of Peace**

*To my dear SGI youth division members of the world:*

Forty years ago, on this day, the youth division made a solemn pledge under our great mentor, President Toda, to be the successors to the task of kosen-rufu, the spread of Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism.

To fulfill that pledge, I have always been at the forefront, advancing resolutely along the path of mentor and disciple. Sowing the seeds of the Mystic Law throughout the world, I have paved the way toward kosen-rufu.

And now you — the leaders of the 21st century to whom I must entrust the baton of kosen-rufu, which I received and have been running with — are starting to emerge in succession the world over. In your respective countries, through creating the humanistic solidarity of youthful souls, you are demonstrating the splendid actual proof of victory in your community and society. Nothing could bring me more joy and reassurance than this.

The Daishonin states: "If Nichiren's compassion is truly great and encompassing, Nam-myoho-renge-kyo will spread for ten thousand years and more, for all eternity" (*The Major Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, vol. 4, p. 272). Kosen-rufu is a long struggle; it is the eternal flow of peace.

I ask that each of you, the young leaders of the new century, please realize that now is the time to develop yourself. So please journey boldly along your chosen course of magnificent humanism, surmounting all billows and swells so that you may establish the immortal castle of happiness in your heart.

The dawn of the 21st century is now at hand. Filled with infinite hope for the success and victory of each of you upon whose shoulders rests the mission of the worldwide kosen-rufu, I am cheering you on and sending you my utmost support. I am also praying from the bottom of my heart for all of you to live each day in excellent health and advance valiantly toward kosen-rufu.

May there be glory upon the youth division of the world! Long live the youth division of the world!

*March 16*

*SGI President Ikeda*