

## No Effort Is Wasted in Buddhism

*SGI President Ikeda attended a conference with SGI representatives from eight countries and territories, including Taiwan, the United States, France and New Zealand, in Tokyo on March 10.*

Expressing heartfelt appreciation for the sincere efforts of those present to promote the kosen-rufu movement in their respective communities, President Ikeda stated emphatically: “No effort is ever wasted in faith. All of your hard work will definitely come back to you tenfold or a hundredfold in the form of immense benefit, adorning not only your own life but extending to your children and grandchildren as well.”

President Ikeda further stressed that in faith a person’s heart is what matters most. He said that those who simply dismiss or seek to selfishly exploit the SGI — an organization devoted to kosen-rufu in accord with the Buddha’s decree — are sure to incur the stern rebuke of the original Buddha and end up deadlocked. In contrast, he said, those who sincerely treasure, respect and appreciate the SGI will lead lives of triumph, benefit and good fortune. He urged the participants to have utmost confidence in this fact.

The SGI leader also voiced his wish for the happiness and prosperity of SGI members around the world, and praised the endeavors of the visiting representatives whose names will be eternally recorded in the annals of kosen-rufu.

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