

NEWSBRIEFS

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia Members Host Health and Wellness Fair

Philadelphians were treated to a healthy dose of wellness March 29 during the first-ever community health fair held at the Philadelphia Community Center. Nearly 300 people attended the five-hour event, called "Health: It's Up to Us." Wellness workshops, free health screenings and massage therapy were offered. In addition, the fair featured 21 exhibit tables. Participants were able to pick up pamphlets on a variety of subjects, including tips for preventing the spread of infection, bicycle safety and facts on organ and tissue donation.

— DAVE SHADOVITZ, Bureau Chief

HONG KONG

SGI President Commended by UNICEF Hong Kong Committee

The Hong Kong Committee for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) conferred a Certificate of Appreciation on SGI President Ikeda in recognition of his contributions to the support and development of children around the world. This special token of thanks from Hong Kong's only UN agency acknowledges the great success last month of the World Boys and Girls Art Exhibition, organized by the SGI and the SGI of Hong Kong with the support of UNICEF and aimed at protecting children's rights and promoting understanding on an international level.

— Courtesy of SGI NEWSLETTER

FRANCE

SGI President Honored by French Photo Club

The Val de Bièvres Photo Club, with offices in both Paris and Bièvres, presented SGI President Ikeda with a Diploma of Photographic Art, designating him an honorary member. The SGI leader is the first non-French citizen to be so honored by the organization, whose members include about 3,000 photographers and photography aficionados throughout the world. Mr. Ikeda was also invited to include his photographs in an exhibition scheduled to be held in Paris in October to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the club's founding next year.

The club's cofounder, André Fage, remarked that one finds beauty not only in Mr. Ikeda's photographic works, but in his life, his person and his humanity. We cannot help but feel elevated, our hearts moved and filled with joy, he said, when we encounter truth and the wonder of nature and the universe.

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