

## **Elementary Exam Held Nationwide**

**The SGI-USA Elementary Exam, the first exam in the new curriculum study cycle, was held Oct. 25. More than 2,000 members took the test at 147 locations throughout the SGI-USA; American members living in Japan also participated. Everyone had their choice of taking it in English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese or Japanese. Exam participants studied Nichiren Daishonin's writings "Letter to the Brothers," "The Person and the Law" and "The One Essential Phrase," as well as the "Expedient Means" chapter of the Lotus Sutra. The Buddhist concept of a life-moment possessing 3,000 realms and the temple issue were also included in the materials. In a message to the test takers, SGI-USA General Director Zaitso said: "Though today's exam may be challenging, your score is not as important as your determined spirit in preparing for this day. Your presence here today is already proof of your great victory." Next spring, the Study Department plans to administer the Entrance Exam again.**

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