

## NEWSBRIEFS

### **Educators Receive Global Citizen Awards**

Two educators who have made towering contributions to contemporary education were honored Oct. 10 by the Boston Research Center for the 21st Century. This year's Global Citizen Award recipients were Yong Seek Choue, founder of Kyung Hee University in Korea, who has advanced international education, and Vito Perrone, director of teacher education at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education, who has advanced peace studies. In his message to the awards ceremony, SGI President Ikeda, founder of the Boston Research Center, said that it was "extremely significant that this year's Global Citizen Awards should be conferred on two outstanding, visionary educators. It is my firm conviction that education represents the most certain means by which to effect the historical transition that confronts humankind: to move from a 20th century filled with war and violence to a 21st century of peace and coexistence."

— FLETCHER DALTON

### **New Healing Arts Division Leader**

Dr. Alwin Harding of Washington, D.C. is the new national leader of the Culture Department's healing arts division (the equivalent of the doctors division in Japan). Dr. Harding was born in Barbados. He received his bachelor's in mathematics at McGill University, his master's and doctorate in biochemistry (with an emphasis on neurochemistry) at Howard University. He then completed his residency in family medicine in 1977. It was during his graduate studies that he began practicing Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism and became an SGI-USA member. At present, he conducts a private practice and is the chief medical officer in a correctional facility. He is also a diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Medicine. In the SGI-USA, Dr. Harding is coordinating men's division activities in Washington Area and is also the healing arts division leader for his area. Dr. Sheila Chapman, national healing arts leader since the division's inception in 1990, will now serve as senior advisor.

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