

Colorado Springs Welcomes 'Treasuring the Future'

Colorado Springs, Colo., hosted SGI-USA's exhibition "Treasuring the Future: Children's Rights and Realities" from Oct. 13–Nov. 2. Many local agencies participated in the Oct. 13 opening at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

The university chancellor, Linda Bunnell Shade, presented SGI-USA General Director Zaitu with gifts and a plaque for SGI President Ikeda, honoring Mr. Ikeda's continuous efforts to promote peace, culture and education worldwide. President Ikeda sent a message with his best wishes for the exhibition.

The Colorado Springs mayor, Marylou Makepeace, also proclaimed October the Month for Rights of the Child in the city.

Magistrate T.J. Cole, the keynote speaker, called the world's children "messengers of the future." He urged the audience to raise children with this awareness, concluding that "it only takes one person, who, in spite of those who say it can't be done, does it anyway."

The Pike's Peak Elementary Choir, a chorus of elementary school students who performed at Carnegie Hall recently, were the finale to the exhibit.

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