

Support Groups Hold First National Conference

Nov. 19–22, the youth division support groups held their first-ever conference at the Florida Nature and Culture Center. One hundred and seventy-five members from the three groups — Byakuren, Gajokai and Soka Group — came together to create a vision for the future. To better understand one another, the history of each group was presented in detail. Presentations were made on the spirit of behind-the-scenes support, how everyone can work together better, the temple issue and the mentor and disciple relationship. At all hours of the day and night, spirited and determined discussions could be heard all over the campus. Surprise performances from flautist Nestor Torres and singer/songwriter (and Gajokai member) Duncan Sheik were highlights of a celebration Saturday night that set the FNCC record for length (official) and for fun (unofficial)! (See Jonathan Wilson's support groups conference photo essay next week.)

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