

## Heart-to-Heart Culture

On Nov. 22, the 1st Korean Culture Festival was held at the Los Angeles Friendship Center. The atmosphere certainly was not subdued, as traditional Korean dances were performed in bright, colorful costumes. An energetic skit by youth and music by a jazz band rounded out the morning. There was true “Heart-to-Heart Dialogue” — the theme of the meeting — as many among the 450 attendees enjoyed tasty refreshments afterward. Messages from SGI President Ikeda, SGI-USA General Director Fred Zaitso and SGI of Korea General Director Park Jae Il were read. Mr. Zaitso shared President Ikeda’s encouragement that “the people’s movement of the SGI is a great, dynamic cultural movement. Let us strive together for our fulfillment, for the welfare of our communities and to strengthen the power and influence of the people. To lead the world in the direction of peace and prosperity through the pursuit of justice and truth — this is the goal of Buddhism.”

— JAMES LEE