

## POEMS TO BEHIND-THE-SCENES GROUPS

SGI President Ikeda wrote the following poems for the Soka Group and Gajokai on Jan. 10. The Soka Group and Gajokai are behind-the-scenes groups within the young men's division. The Soka Group support members at activities by handling parking and traffic control as well as public safety outside the centers; in doing so they act as a liaison between the community and the SGI. The Gajokai provide support inside SGI activity centers. They help create an enjoyable and safe environment through maintaining room setup, including seating and sound systems, the centers' alarm and fire security systems and general upkeep.

### To the Soka Group

*Resolutely holding high  
The treasure-sword of Soka,  
Young heroes,  
Take the lead!*

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*Able friends of propagation,  
Precious young people of ability,  
I boldly entrust to you  
Kosen-rufu.*

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*Heroes of Soka,  
Possessing a great, lofty mission,  
May the Buddhist gods protect you!*

### To the Gajokai

*For fulfilling your great mission  
As Gajokai of the Headquarters,  
All Buddhas and Buddhist gods  
Will praise you.*

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*My precious friends,  
Are you not kings?  
You who have nobly devoted  
The time of your youth  
To the Mystic Law.*

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*Now stand up  
With courage and justice,  
Gajokai,  
Adorning your youthful years  
As the world's finest.*