

GUAM CELEBRATES SGI DAY

The 24th anniversary of SGI Day was celebrated the weekend of Jan. 23–24 by members from the Micronesian islands of Pohnpei, Saipan and Majuro joining the Guam members in cultural exchange festivities and a lecture on Nichiren Daishonin's writings. At a general meeting held Jan. 23, the audience was treated to presentations including a *Chamoru* (term for Guam's islanders) dance from the youth, a song from the Boys and Girls Group and a special accordion performance of several SGI songs and a local Pohnpeian tune from Noriko Lopez.

A tour of Guam over the weekend brought outer-island members to significant sites, including the War in the Pacific Museum, several parks and the University of Guam, where last November, SGI President Ikeda donated over 100 books to the library and planted trees on campus. The festivities concluded with a Friendship Exchange meeting at Afleje (formerly Rizal) Park, site of the culture festival held in 1975 when the SGI was first formed. After an array of performances and picnic, the collective islands determined to continue their kosen-rufu efforts in the Pacific toward the next SGI Day celebration — Jan. 26, 2000!

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