

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH  
GATHER IN DENVER  
FOR KOSEN-RUFU DAY CELEBRATION**

Two days after a gloomy snowstorm in Colorado, “The Sun of *Jiyu* Over a New Land” was the theme the youth division members chose to commemorate March 16, Kosen-rufu Day, at the Denver Culture Center. Around 170 youth from all across Colorado and southern Wyoming gathered on the bright, sunny morning of March 14 for a momentous meeting.

The meeting carried the message of SGI President Ikeda’s 1993 poem “The Sun of *Jiyu*” in a way that was easy for everyone to relate to: Throughout the meeting, excerpts from the poem were read, and the Denver youth performed a humorous super heroes skit — with *Jiyu* Man as the protagonist. There was also a performance by the Youth Division Band and an experience.

The New Mexico youth division also on March 14 held their commemorative meeting, in which the youth division did musical performances. The meeting was dedicated to Arizona Area Women’s Division Leader Akiko Ogburn, who died March 13.

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