

## INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT DISCUSSED AT SUA, CALABASAS

The Human Rights Lecture Series at Soka University of America, Calabasas, continued March 23 with the hosting of a panel discussion on the proposed establishment of an International Criminal Court. The gathered experts from the Southern California Working Group on the ICC, led by Marvin Schachter, group chair, argued that this kind of international court would address the most serious crimes of conduct being committed internationally: war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.

Mr. Schachter said that creating an ICC is “the next important step in developing human rights law” and suggested that atrocities of recent years in Yugoslavia and Rwanda point to the urgent need for the realization of this tribunal.

SGI President Ikeda has also advocated the formation of an ICC: In his 1998 Peace Proposal (in the May 1998 *Living Buddhism*), he says that he has been “eager to see such a court established as a pillar around which the ‘international law of peace’ can be enhanced and elaborated.”

This ongoing lecture series organized by SUA, Calabasas, is focused on promoting peace, justice and social reform through education.

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