

## **'CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND REALITIES' EXHIBITION RECEIVES WARM WELCOME IN SAN DIEGO**

"Treasuring the Future: Children's Rights and Realities" opened in San Diego on May 20 with honored guest Dr. Fuyun Hsu, co-founder of UNICEF, in attendance. Dr. Hsu, now 93 years old, was recognized for his achievements when SGI-USA General Director Zaitso presented him SGI's Liberty Award to a standing ovation. One of the highlights of the evening's program came when, in an unprepared address, Dr. Hsu declared: "Long live SGI-USA! Long live UNICEF!"

Representatives from local and state officials were also present to read proclamations of their support. San Diego Mayor Susan Golding declared May Children's Rights Month in recognition of the exhibition's significance to the community. Each child who visits the exhibition can express his or her hopes for the future on paper leaves, which are to be hung on a life-size Tree of Dreams.

More than 200 dedicated SGI members worked around the clock to get the exhibition ready. The hall was scrubbed clean and hung with children's artwork from 25 local schools. It took three days for thousands of donated fresh flowers to be assembled into elaborate arrangements for the opening.

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*The hands-on exhibit educates the public about basic human rights abuses facing youth around the world. San Diego is the exhibition's 14th stop; it travels next to Tacoma, Wash.*

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