

**SGI'S THEME FOR 2000 ANNOUNCED:
'RAISING THE CURTAIN ON THE 21ST CENTURY—THE YEAR OF YOUTH'**

On Oct. 7 at the 38th Soka Gakkai Headquarters Leaders Meeting, the theme for 2000 was announced: "Raising the Curtain on the 21st Century — The Year of Youth." Next year, our organization will be focused on encouraging the next generation of youth division members. As SGI President Ikeda says in this issue: "The only way to succeed is to strive to the end with sincerity, tenacity and unflagging spirit. This is the kind of person I want each of you youth division members to become" (page 5).

Next year, the SGI will also celebrate these important anniversaries: the 25th anniversary of the SGI's formation, Jan. 26; the 100th anniversary of second Soka Gakkai president Josei Toda's birth, Feb. 11; President Ikeda's 40th anniversary of assuming the Soka Gakkai presidency, May 3, and beginning his worldwide travels for peace, Oct. 2; and the 70th anniversary of the Soka Gakkai's founding, Nov. 18. President Ikeda declares in this issue: "We in the SGI will advance, burning with the ideals of dedication, pursuit of truth, unity and creativity. Further, we solemnly promise to support the brilliant advance of culture and education on into the 21st century" (page 5).