

**NEW DEPARTURE FOR SGI-USA  
NEW GENERAL DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED  
BY BILL AIKEN, WASHINGTON, D.C.**

The SGI-USA Council announced Dec. 3 the appointment of new national leaders for the SGI-USA. With this announcement, Daniel Nagashima became the third general director since the SGI-USA's founding in 1960. (The general director is recommended by a two-thirds vote of the SGI-USA Council and ratified by the parent organization, Soka Gakkai International.) He succeeds Fred Zaitzu, who has fulfilled this role since 1992, during what was an important transition period for the organization, overseeing numerous reforms designed to make it more democratic and humanistic. Mr. Zaitzu will continue to serve as executive advisor and chairman of the Board of Directors.

In accepting this post, completing the two years remaining in Mr. Zaitzu's term, Daniel Nagashima vowed to dedicate himself to serving the membership (please see his speech, page 6).

A naturalized U.S. citizen, Daniel (Danny) Nagashima was born in Kawasaki City, Japan, in 1949, and moved to the United States in 1973. He is a graduate of Gakushuin University in Japan and received an MBA from California State University, Dominguez Hills. He has held various leadership responsibilities in the SGI-USA, including nationwide youth leader (1989), San Francisco Region leader (1991-95), and director of the Southern California organization since 1995. He and his wife, Mieko, have three children, Julie, 19, Daniel Jr., 18, and Ruby, 15.