

2ND HUMAN RIGHTS DAY HELD AT SUA, CALABASAS
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With the theme "Toward a Society for All Ages," Soka University of America, Calabasas, and its Pacific Basin Research Center held their second Human Rights Day on Dec. 2. Cosponsored by Amnesty International, the Southern California division of the UNA-USA, the World Federalist Association and the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, the event was focused on issues related to the rapidly growing elderly population worldwide.

Marvin Schacter, president of the Advisory Council of the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging, shared that there are 409 million people over 65 in the world today, but that by 2050 this population will jump to a billion and a half. He emphasized that the problems facing the elderly will increasingly impact all aspects of world society and become problems that everyone must face.

Dr. John Montgomery, PBRC director, added in his keynote address that "the old can appreciate youth better than youth can appreciate age." He suggested that this is something we can work to change in the coming years, as we strive for a society that is inclusive of people of all ages.

The symposium featured a Resource Fair with 16 national and regional organizations offering guidance and information on what each person can do to create this kind of society.