

SGI PRESIDENT IKEDA'S JAN. 13 ENCOURAGEMENT GIVE FULL EXPRESSION TO THE UNIQUE STRENGTHS OF AMERICA

This year will be a decisive year for the youth division,” SGI President Ikeda declared at a conference on Jan. 13, voicing his hope for a triumphant Year of Youth. Attendees for the conference, held in Shinanomachi, Tokyo, included SGI General Director Eiichi Wada, SGI-USA General Director Danny Nagashima and representative Soka Gakkai leaders.

“If the youth division achieves magnificent victories for kosen-rufu this year,” President Ikeda explained, “we can confidently pass to them the baton of our kosen-rufu movement for the 21st century. But victory in any realm of endeavor can only be realized by arduous, all-out effort. We cannot win by pretending to work hard or by leaving things to others.

“I hope that as leaders you will live your lives always advancing bravely and sparing no effort for the sake of the Law, for the welfare of others and for society as a whole. Struggling for kosen-rufu is more respectable than any worldly honor.”

Thanking visiting SGI-USA leaders for traveling to Japan, President Ikeda said: “I hope that in the United States you will do things in a way that best suits the United States, enabling members to practice joyfully, without constraint. Allow the unique strengths and qualities of America to be given full expression through faith. Please work together in a spirit of friendship and mutual respect to make the United States a center of worldwide kosen-rufu that overflows with good fortune.”

Addressing all gathered, he concluded: “Please live each day valuably, with ‘Health First’ as your motto, getting enough sleep and taking good care of your health.”