

## SGI PRESIDENT IKEDA'S MARCH 16 MESSAGE LET THE BRILLIANT SUN RISE IN YOUR HEART

**In his Kosen-rufu Day message to youth division members, SGI President Ikeda says: 'Whatever your circumstances now, you must let the brilliant sun rise in your heart. You must live out your youth without regret. You need not be impatient.'**

Beloved youth of the world—my sincere congratulations as you gather to commemorate March 16, Kosen-rufu Day! You have stood up with firm resolve to create a magnificent, victorious history of youth. To each of you, I send this message with my utmost respect and trust.

The privilege of youth is to progress, to expand. So I urge all of you never to retreat! Move forward resolutely along the path of life you have pledged to follow!

Happiness as well as the real proof of being alive lies in the will to challenge yourself continuously, unbroken and undefeated by anything. I ask that you hold fast to courageous faith, always striving to the very end in every field of endeavor.

Now, dark clouds menacing the dignity of life and the happiness of humanity are shrouding the world. Planet Earth is sending out her silent SOS. Where can humanity find hope? To respond decisively to this quandary there are you who embrace the philosophy of the Mystic Law. You are the beacon of hope illuminating the future of humanity.

Whatever your circumstances now, you must let the brilliant sun rise in your heart. You must live out your youth without regret. You need not be impatient. Nichiren Daishonin states, "If a person cannot manage to cross a moat ten feet wide, how can he cross one that is a hundred or two hundred feet?" (*The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, p. 766). What is important is to advance steadily, one step at a time. Only by challenging what is before us can we build a victorious life.

In the realm of faith, all people are free and equal. This realm is a "republic of humanism," in which people are joined together by solid bonds. We must not allow anyone to destroy this beautiful solidarity. I ask that for the victorious century of value-creation, all of you please advance with me in mutual love and respect and the unity of many in body, one in mind.

I sincerely hope that you will contribute to your community and society upon the stage of your respective missions and, as good citizens, show splendid actual proof.

May all of you, my beloved SGI youth, be healthy and victorious! This is my earnest prayer. I am praying that each of you, without a single exception, will live a life that is most enjoyable and fulfilling, basking in the supreme brilliance of fortune and benefit. Please take care.

For March 16, Kosen-rufu Day  
*Daisaku Ikeda*