

SGI PRESIDENT IKEDA'S MESSAGE TO THE DAY OF NEW YORK FESTIVAL FRIENDSHIP IS THE GREATEST HAPPINESS

My heartfelt congratulations on holding your Culture Festival commemorating the Day of New York. I thank you deeply for all your continuing energetic struggles.

It is our conviction that humankind's bright future exists where youth who have grown up amid different cultures can generously exchange ideas, deepen friendships and form ties based on a common humanity. True friendship binds one person to another regardless of position, nationality, race or even religion. Having trusted friends is the greatest happiness in life.

I hope you will take time to enjoy this day while engaging in warm and pleasant conversation. I pray from the bottom of my heart for your excellent health and abundant good fortune.

Daisaku Ikeda
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