

**SGI PRESIDENT IKEDA'S MESSAGE TO SGI-USA MEN'S DIVISION
COMMEMORATIVE MEETINGS
EXPAND THE CIRCLE OF TRUST AND FRIENDSHIP**

'I, too, am a member of the men's division,' SGI President Ikeda writes to the men's division members, 'and I am personally determined to fight and forge on with an ever more youthful spirit.'

My sincerest congratulations for your wonderful SGI-USA men's division commemorative meetings! I want to express my heartfelt respect for your daily efforts.

Nichiren Daishonin states, "Be considerate of those who believe in Nichiren and the Lotus Sutra, no matter what they may have done in the past.... Always maintain friendly relations with them" (*The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, p. 850). In the spirit of this passage, please continue to embrace, love and encourage your fellow members in the world of the SGI, a reflection of society. My hope is that you are always friendly to one another and continue cheerfully building a heart-warming, harmonious human society. The men's division is pivotal for unity. Only when the center is solid can people harmonize with one another.

I hope that all the members of the SGI-USA men's division are regarded as reliable by their fellow members, listening carefully to women's opinions, embracing everybody and taking full and final responsibility in everything. It is my wish that you will, with strong faith, take courageous leadership in a manner that allows every member to express his or her full potential without reservation. As excellent citizens, please expand the circle of trust and friendship in your respective communities.

I, too, am a member of the men's division, and I am personally determined to fight and forge on with an ever more youthful spirit. Let's fight on bravely together. I seriously pray every day for your good health and long lives and the peace of your families. Please stay in good health forever.

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