

SGI PRESIDENT IKEDA'S MESSAGE TO THE FNCC YOUTH SUPPORT GROUPS CONFERENCE:

I sincerely appreciate SGI-USA Soka Group, Gajokai and Byakuren members for your devoted activities day and night. I truly thank you for your commitment behind the scenes.

You are living the most respectable and beautiful existence as members of Soka Group, Gajokai and Byakuren, dedicating yourselves to unsung work based on your earnest faith and prayers for the safety and happiness of the members.

Nichiren Daishonin states, "Where there is unseen virtue, there will be visible reward" (*The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, p. 907). While you are still young, please build the kind of fortune that will serve as the foundation of your lifetime happiness. Please live dauntlessly with the conviction that your growth will determine the future of American kosen-rufu.

I am praying for your remarkable growth, good health and successful endeavors in society. I am also praying for your victory. Please convey my best regards to your families and friends.

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