

PEACE MONUMENTS UNVEILED
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On Nov. 17, a peace monument engraved with words of peace from SGI President Ikeda was unveiled on the island of Tinian. Located near Guam, Tinian was where the atomic bombs were loaded onto planes headed for Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II. The peace monument is located in Leadership Park.

Engraved on the monument is the following quote from President Ikeda: “Each person who has died in war was irreplaceable and precious—someone’s parent, child or friend. That is why we must always oppose war. All rivalries and conflicts should be resolved, not with power, but with wisdom and sustained dialogue.”

Another peace monument was unveiled on Nov. 18 in the city of Santa Rita on the island of Guam, where thousands of soldiers died in the battle between the Allied Forces and Japan. The monument is located at the Friendship Pavilion, where a dedication was held in January in honor of the friendship between President Ikeda and the late governor of Guam, Ricardo Bordallo, and in celebration of the 25th anniversary of their meeting in 1975 at the inauguration of the SGI.

The Guam monument’s inscription, also written by President Ikeda, reads: “People must be wise and take action themselves to create peace. We must unite across borders: unite in our rejection of the idea of war itself.”