

SGI PRESIDENT IKEDA'S NEW YEAR'S POEMS

From Daibyakurenge, the Soka Gakkai study journal:

*The skies clear,
The earth illuminated,
Our hearts bright—
The heavenly deities, too, rejoice
At the start of the Century of Soka.*



*All Buddhas and heavenly deities
Praise and protect
The ten million members of Soka,
And celebrate a new age dawning.*



*Jubilant cheers
Resound throughout the world
How great is the SGI
Which has written a momentous history
Of kosen-rufu!*

From Seikyo Shimbun, the Soka Gakkai daily newspaper:

*Our stage in the new century
Will expand further throughout the world,
A fresh flame of resolution
Burning brightly in our hearts.*



*Members of Soka,
Ten million strong,
Rise together one and all
And lead the way to victory,
Ushering in the dawn of a new era.*



*Chant with determination
And triumph in life
Without fail!
Our life's mission
Is kosen-rufu.*

From Soka Shimpo, the Soka Gakkai youth journal:

*Always asking ourselves
“For what purpose do I strive?”
We dedicate our lives
To realizing peace
In society and the world.*



*With hearts happy and free
And fresh, vibrant energy,
Win and shine
Each day of your youth.*



*Life is win or lose,
And so is Buddhism.
Therefore adorn your life
With victory.*

*Praying for the active contributions and longevity of all of you, my precious fellow
members in the movement for kosen-rufu.*

*New Year's Day, 2001
Daisaku Ikeda*