

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM SGI-USA MEN'S LEADER TARIQ HASAN ACCOMPLISH GOALS THROUGH TEAMWORK

Happy New Year and congratulations on welcoming 2001 to all the readers of the *World Tribune*. It is certainly auspicious to be starting this new millennium with both SGI President and Mrs. Ikeda in the best of health. Thank you for all your efforts that lead to the his-toric advancement for American kosen-rufu achieved last year.

This year has been named "The Year of Total Victory for the New Century" by the SGI worldwide family. I was fortunate enough to be at the headquarters leaders meeting in Japan where this theme was announced with world famous soccer star and SGI member Roberto Baggio also in attendance. In his speech on that occasion, President Ikeda said, "Mr. Baggio states his belief that in any job the key to success is solid teamwork. The tremendous success of the Soka Gakkai, too, has been won through our solidarity. Being able to unite is wisdom in the truest sense" (Nov. 17, 2001 *World Tribune*, p. 2).

With the long list of goals I am entering with this year, I am realizing this as an important motto for me to keep in mind. Whether it is on the job, in my family or among my fellow SGI-USA members, an atmosphere of harmony is the source of joy and progress leading us to victory.

I am praying that every SGI-USA member, especially the men's division, achieve all of their personal goals for 2001 while finding more and more inspiration and refreshment from participating in SGI-USA activities.

In particular, I hope the men's division members can encourage each other to live healthy and fulfilling daily lives. Our continued good health is crucial to our ability to contribute to kosen-rufu. The actual proof of accomplishing our personal targets is an important and encouraging contribution we can each make to the many teams we are members of, at home, in the community and overall, for world peace.

Thank you again for all your sincere effort.