

**'LINUS PAULING AND THE TWENTIETH CENTURY' IN PORTLAND
EXHIBITION OPENS IN LINUS PAULING'S HOMETOWN
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The traveling exhibition, "Linus Pauling and the Twentieth Century," opened at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland, Ore., on Jan. 8. It is especially significant that now, at the start of the 21st century, the Pauling exhibition has opened in Oregon—the home state of Dr. Pauling. The exhibition is being held, in the very city where Dr. Pauling was born, as part of a state-wide celebration of the centennial of his birth.

SGI President Ikeda and Dr. Pauling conducted dialogues during the latter years of Dr. Pauling's life, beginning in 1987. President Ikeda proposed that an exhibition of Dr. Pauling's life be created to ensure that his legacy would be inherited by future generations. After Dr. Pauling passed away, the SGI began creating this exhibition together with the Pauling family and Oregon State University, Dr. Pauling's alma mater. *A Lifelong Quest for Peace*, a record of their conversations, was published in 1992.

President Ikeda has said that Dr. Pauling, the founder of modern molecular biology and the only person ever to have been awarded two unshared Nobel Prizes (1954 for chemistry and 1962 for peace), "truly deserves to stand with Galileo, Newton, Darwin, Curie and Einstein as one of the greatest scientists of history."

More than 125 invited dignitaries attended a VIP Opening, including guests from Oregon State University, the Oregon Peace Institute, Oregon Health Sciences University, city and county commissioners, the Oregon Graduate Institute of Science and Technology, the Linus Pauling Institute and the Pauling family.

The opening program preceded the exhibition viewing. Welcoming remarks were given by Linus Pauling Jr., the presidents of OSU and OMSI and SGI-USA Executive Advisor Fred Zaitso.

After introducing the Pauling family members, Linus Pauling Jr. took several minutes to talk about the SGI and the origins of Buddhism, beginning with Gautama Buddha in India and mentioning the Buddhist sage Nichiren. He described the formation of the SGI by Tsunesaburo Makiguchi and said, "President Ikeda has developed the SGI into a global organization for peace, culture and education, with 12 million members worldwide."

Fred Zaitso conveyed a message to the guests from President Ikeda, who said: "I believe that there is no better time than the present to ensure that the precious spirit of peace embodied by Dr. Pauling should spread widely throughout the world. The SGI is determined to work toward this purpose to make the 21st century a century of peace. I sincerely pray that this exhibition will serve to ignite the light of hope and courage in the hearts of the young people of Oregon."

The exhibition consists of panels detailing the accomplishments and key events of Pauling's life. A plaque lists the advisory board members. President Ikeda, listed as honorary chair, is alongside Linus Pauling Jr. and three Nobel laureates.

Beginning a circuitous tour around the room is a video with an actual recording of Pauling's voice. The panels trace Dr. Pauling's childhood in Oregon. There are molecular models that Pauling created and an exhibit of his office—a coat and hat rack, desk, papers, dictaphone, paperclips and pens that all belonged to Dr. Pauling. Guests can view a scrapbook with news articles detailing the investigation of Pauling during the McCarthy era. The Nobel Peace Prize is encased in glass, a luminous, rotating medal that shines a

message of peace and hope. A large photograph of Dr. Pauling with President Ikeda graces the wall.

The SGI hosts and gallery attendants were friendly and gracious, welcoming the VIPs and guests through interaction and dialogue. Several people expressed their gratitude to SGI for putting this exhibition together. Linus Pauling Jr. said, "Meeting with President Ikeda in Japan is one of the most memorable experiences of my life. I have a lot of respect for him and his efforts for world peace."

David Hackleman of Portland said, "I truly appreciate Daisaku Ikeda and the SGI for creating this exhibition to educate people about the greatness of Linus Pauling and the message he had to share."

On Feb. 3, there will be a "Peace Fest" featuring several of the exhibition panels at Portland State University. This public event will be sponsored by the SGI-USA, along with the Oregon Peace Institute, Amnesty International, Peace Quilts and the Quakers, and will be an avenue for the SGI-USA youth to promote the Victory Over Violence project.

"Linus Pauling and the Twentieth Century" will continue its worldwide travels. Then, on the date of Dr. Pauling's birthday in 2002, it will be permanently displayed at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore.

The SGI-USA members who assisted in the exhibition set-up and VIP opening really felt that President Ikeda's thoughts were with them during the event. The VIP Opening event brought into bold awareness that the SGI is moving forward significantly into the realm of global culture, gaining the trust and confidence of societies everywhere.

As Oregon Area Young Men's Leader Jim Cheek said, "In Oregon, we definitely have the sense that President Ikeda is here now."