

THE SGI RESPONDS TO EL SALVADOR QUAKE

A devastating earthquake, registering a magnitude of 7.6 on the Richter scale, struck El Salvador on Jan. 13, leaving hundreds dead and many homeless. SGI members all over the world have responded with sincere prayers and donations. On Jan. 17, Soka Gakkai representatives, on behalf of SGI members worldwide, donated \$17,000 to the embassy of El Salvador in Japan for initial emergency assistance to those made homeless during the quake.

“At this time of year, the Japanese people are commemorating the tragic loss of loved ones in the 1995 Kobe earthquake. Our members understand acutely the human suffering involved in such terrible destruction and wish to show their solidarity,” said Soka Gakkai spokesperson Rie Tsumura.

Also on Jan. 17, SGI-Taiwan donated \$6,000 to the local embassy of El Salvador. SGI Mexico is collecting blankets, food and basic supplies for the survivors, and women members of SGI Panama have donated food and medicine to be sent to El Salvador through the Panamanian Red Cross.

SGI-USA members interested in providing assistance are encouraged to contact the American Red Cross or other reputable agencies in their area. At this time, relief organizations in the United States are requesting financial donations rather than specific supplies.

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