

## MESSAGE FROM SGI-USA GENERAL DIRECTOR DANNY NAGASHIMA TWO MONTHS UNTIL MAY 3

Congratulations to all of you on the splendid success of the women's commemorative meetings held across the country in February!

The long-awaited May 3, 2001, is now fast approaching. On this significant day, we will celebrate the dedication of the Aliso Viejo campus of Soka University of America.

At a New Year's Gongyo Meeting, SGI President Ikeda said, "Once again this year, as we further widen the Soka Gakkai's path into the future, let us realize magnificent expansion in our movement for kosen-rufu, so that we can win resounding victory and glory for countless generations to come" (Feb. 2 *World Tribune*, p. 11).

Taking his words to heart, we have begun to raise the curtain of the new century together with our mentor, launching our remarkable advancement.

Now the excitement of sharing Buddhism with friends is spreading, and we are seeing steady growth because of the relentless efforts of the youth, the sincere prayers of the women's division members for their friends to become absolutely happy and the warm encouragement of the men's division.

With the goal of welcoming one new member into each district by the end of May, I am determined to put my entire being into taking action and striving together with all of you.

We will also soon hold our May commemorative contribution activity, which will help further advance our kosen-rufu movement in the United States. The May contributions have become a wonderful tradition in the SGI-USA, which many of you look forward to each year. I hope that you will encourage your fellow members to participate in making contributions and enable as many people as possible to gain limitless fortune in their lives by engaging in dialogue about the significance of making sincere offerings.

Most important, let us unite and work together with the members in our groups, districts, areas and regions, and continue to build a model organization of the world, alongside our women's leader, Matilda Buck, men's leader, Tariq Hasan, and youth leader, James Herrmann.

Toward this May, let's experience many victories and ring in the next series of Seven Bells starting from America, with the happiness of each member as our foundation so that we can welcome President Ikeda and Mrs. Ikeda to the United States sometime this year!