

SGI PRESIDENT IKEDA'S MARCH 11 ENCOURAGEMENT THE SUN PENETRATES THE DARKNESS

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The evening of March 11, SGI President Ikeda attended a conference with SGI representatives from France, Peru and Japan at the Shinano Culture Center in Shinanomachi, Tokyo. Warmly praising the outstanding development of the organization in each country, President Ikeda made the following points:

- Those who blaze new paths of kosen-rufu where none have been before obtain eternal, boundless benefit. Their noble names will shine in the annals of history.

- The "Simile and Parable" chapter of the Lotus Sutra states, "There is no safety in the threefold world; / it is like a burning house, / replete with a multitude of sufferings, / truly to be feared" (*The Lotus Sutra*, p. 69). How can we transform this world of strife and suffering, which is like a burning house, into a realm of peace and tranquillity?

Politics concerns itself with power, while economics is concerned with profit. Buddhism, however, sets forth a way to absolute happiness on a much higher dimension.

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- Faith dedicated to realizing kosen-rufu is the heart and essence of Nichiren Daishonin. There is nothing loftier than a commitment to work wholeheartedly for kosen-rufu, for this is the great and timeless path that leads to world peace and happiness for all humanity.

Buddhism exists not for the benefit of authority or priests. It exists for the people, so that all without exception may attain the enlightened state of Buddhahood.

Those who work steadily to open the path of kosen-rufu together with the SGI, the organization faithfully carrying out the Buddha's will and decree, are treasures of this world far more praiseworthy than people who boast high titles and positions in society.