

SGI PRESIDENT IKEDA'S NEW POEM FOR MOTHERS

SGI President Ikeda recently wrote a new poem for all the mothers of the SGI, "The 21st Century Is the Century of Women." The poem celebrates Mother's Day and the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the women's division. See pages 6–8 for the entire poem, in which he shares his great expectations for women in the new century.

*Come!
The century of women
Has dawned,
The sun rises on
the horizon.
Instead of the pallid,
Dim light of old,
Now the fiercely burning sun
Has begun to light the way ahead
For these extraordinary mothers.*



*We must change this base, arrogant,
Almost insane society in which we live,
And
With a new spirit,
With a new philosophy,
Create an age
Which eternally honors mothers.
This
Is the century of women,
A wise person said.*