

**MESSAGE TO GOLDEN STAGE GROUP MEMBERS
LET'S SUPPORT THE FAMILY YOUTH FESTIVALS!
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The month of June, the most beautiful time of year, has arrived. We are sure that you are fully enjoying the refreshing weather and your activities in your respective communities, homes and SGI-USA centers.

Glorious May 3, 2001. We have been looking forward to this day for a long time. We are so fortunate to be able to celebrate this significant day together with our mentor, SGI President Ikeda, and Mrs. Ikeda.

Since establishing our seniors group on Jan. 2, 2000, and receiving the name of Golden Stage Group from President Ikeda, many of you have been conducting joyous activities, such as general meetings, health seminars and friendship exchange meetings.

During our youth, we engraved the words of second Soka Gakkai president Josei Toda's "Precepts for Youth" in our hearts, especially the first sentence, "A new century will be created by the passion and power of youth."

Under the powerful, energetic direction of SGI-USA General Director Danny Nagashima, the youth have made a firm determination to create indestructible unity as a solid foundation for this year's Zone Family Youth Festivals, which will be held at many locations throughout the nation. As we promised President Ikeda in 1990, the youth will gather 100,000 people to sing "Ode to Joy" to celebrate this significant year of "Total Victory for the New Century."

We are challenging ourselves as seniors to leave a record of our efforts at this most significant time in the history of kosen-rufu. We have a golden opportunity to put the finishing touches on our lives, adorning them for eternity. Let us encourage and support one another for the sake of fulfilling the mission that is ours and ours alone.

We received a message from President Ikeda in April, during the Golden Stage Group conference at the Florida Nature and Culture Center. He stated: "The long-awaited 21st century has arrived. Now is the time to put the finishing touches on your lives. I ask that all of you, who have dedicated your lives to American kosen-rufu, patiently love and nurture the next generation of capable youth, utilizing all your abilities. Through such efforts your true benefit and fortune will shine."

Based on President Ikeda's guidance, we want to propose that each one of us chant a minimum of 100,000 daimoku by Aug. 24, in order to fully support all of the Family Youth Festivals throughout the nation. Let us do more than our best to support those young people who will carry out the entire responsibility for the future of all humankind.

Also, we want to propose the following targets for our Golden Stage Group daimoku campaign:

- 1) The excellent health and longevity of President and Mrs. Ikeda.
- 2) Total success of the Family Youth Festivals.
- 3) Total victory in the Soka Spirit campaign.

We sincerely wish that all of you will support this proposal as the first national campaign for our group. Let us continue struggling to the very end of our lives with a great sense of appreciation toward the Gohonzon and President Ikeda.

We wish all of you the very best of health and happiness each and every day.