

## Study Guidelines Adopted for 1997

*While each member is encouraged to earnestly study SGI President Ikeda's speeches and other study series in our publications, the Study Department has established the following basic study programs for 1997 (as presented to and adopted by the December 1996 CEC).*

1) Bi-monthly Gosho Study: We will continue to have a bi-monthly Gosho study. *Living Buddhism* (formerly *Seikyo Times*) will continue to publish selected Gosho passages and reference material. Local organizations can determine how to use this material, for example, whether at large or small meetings.

2) Curriculum Study: Each joint territory will determine how to support and continue to provide study opportunities for members at each Study Department level (Entrance, Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced and Post Graduate).

3) General Lectures: General lectures are optional. They can be held as bi-monthly Gosho study meetings or periodically throughout the year on any topic chosen by the joint territory.

4) Topics for Discussion: Each month, *Living Buddhism* will publish excerpts from President Ikeda's Gosho lecture series and additional reference material as "Topics for Discussion," which can be used to conduct dialogue at monthly discussion meetings.

5) Study Conference: A nationwide study coordinators conference is scheduled to be held at the Florida Nature and Culture Center in March 1997, to discuss the direction of the SGI-USA's study movement.

6) Entrance Exam: Subject to the outcome of discussions at the above-mentioned conference, an Entrance Exam may be held in the fall of 1997.

In this way, the Study Department will continue to seek to establish a solid study rhythm that is beneficial to each member's growth in faith and the organization's progress in its effort to expand the kosen-rufu movement in the United States.

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