

SGI President Stresses Unity to U.S. Leaders
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The SGI-USA has been developing in an ideal and splendid manner toward the 21st century, winning the admiration of all, SGI President Ikeda said this evening.

To the SGI-USA and Japanese leaders gathered he stressed that uniting in the spirit of many in body, one in mind, which Nichiren Daishonin teaches in the Gosho, will always be the key to advancing kosen-rufu. The word *mind* in the expression “one in mind” refers to faith, the SGI leader explained. It is important for us to have the kind of faith where we put aside ego and emotionalism and work for the sake of kosen-rufu, while always remembering to chant daimoku no matter what obstacles we encounter.

Our potential for growth is infinite, President Ikeda noted, but so is our potential for self-limitation. Therefore, even if we face problems, we should strive to grow from them. There is no more fulfilling life than one in which we ponder hard, strive earnestly and suffer hardships for the sake of spreading the Mystic Law. Such struggles constitute wonderful chances for us to develop ourselves.

The SGI leader then quoted the passage from the “Record of the Orally Transmitted Teachings,” “If you exert a hundred million eons of effort in a single moment of life, the three enlightened properties of the Buddha will appear within you at each moment” (*Gosho Zenshu*, p. 790). All our exertions for the sake of the Mystic Law and for kosen-rufu, he explained, are transformed into great personal benefit and good fortune.

The SGI has achieved the remarkable development it has today, President Ikeda said, because we have steadfastly practiced in exact accord with the Daishonin’s teachings.

He stressed the importance of continuing to advance with such strong faith in order to forge an indestructible path, sink down everlasting roots, and realize an eternal flowering of prosperity.

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