

**Brazil**  
**New Century Fife and Drum Corps**  
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The Brazil Fife and Drum Corps was formed with seven members on Aug. 18, 1963.

When SGI President Ikeda visited Brazil in 1984, he named us the New Century Fife and Drum Corps. Our mission is to convey peace and hope to all people through music. By doing this each member is challenging difficulties and overcoming them.

Thirty-four years later, we have expanded to more than 1,200 members. We had a 30th anniversary festival in 1993. On that occasion, we received a message from President Ikeda, which said in part, "Happiness lies in the people who can find joy in any aspect of life."

Studying this message, we learned the importance of training and efforts during our youth. After that we participated in many outside events and received many invitations from across the country.

Brazil SGI's young women's division has a slogan: Daimoku first!

Based on that motto, we will sing the song of friendship and play the melody of mission.

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