

'Song for Mothers' Is Broadcast
SGI President Ikeda's book airs weekly on Los Angeles-area radio.
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A Japanese-language broadcast series of SGI President Ikeda's book *Song for Mothers* began on April 5 in Los Angeles. The series, on radio station KALI (AM 1430), is produced by Keiko Kimura and is broadcast Sundays 10:00–10:30 a.m. In all, 13 installments of the series are scheduled.

At the start of each installment, Japanese singer Chiyoko Shimakura reads an excerpt from President Ikeda's poem "My Heartfelt Salute to Mothers." The bulk of the narration that follows is read by Kayoko Kishimoto, an actress and SGI member. Background music and the theme song "Song for Mothers" is provided by New York SGI-USA member Yo Kano.

Ms. Kimura also produced the recent (April 1997–March 1998) radio series of President Ikeda's "Values and Visions: Portraits of Global Citizens," which aired in several major markets throughout the United States in both English and Japanese. This new *Song for Mothers* series, however, is so far only to be heard in Los Angeles in Japanese.

Nevertheless, it is expected that Mr. Ikeda's simple yet profound message will encourage many struggling mothers and at the same time remind the listeners to appreciate their own mothers.

Ms. Kimura's goal in producing this series, she says, is to bring to light the humanitarian nature and ideals of President Ikeda to an audience, many of whom are familiar only with his name. "I want to introduce Daisaku Ikeda as the wonderful person he is," she says.

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