

Thai, Cambodian Members Mark New Year

The first Thai-Cambodian joint general meeting in the Los Angeles area was held on April 4 at the World Peace Ikeda Auditorium to celebrate their traditional New Year's Day, which is April 13 in the current calendar.

In his message to the 700 participants, SGI President Ikeda quoted the Gosho: "Nam-myoho-renge-kyo is the greatest of all joys" (*Gosho Zenshu*, p. 788). He then went on to say: "This faith enables us to enjoy our lives to the fullest, filled with supreme happiness. Therefore, with this Buddhism, we can surmount the stormy seas of life and transform them into sources of goodness and happiness.

"I ask that each of you chant daimoku to make each day victorious. Please have confidence that your steady efforts will lead you on a brilliant course toward eternal happiness and triumph."

The meeting featured experiences, a song, a skit and various native dances including performances by children and non-members.

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