

President Ikeda Becomes Honorary Citizen of Las Vegas
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The Las Vegas City Council designated SGI President Ikeda an honorary citizen during its regularly scheduled council meeting today. City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Michael McDonald, who initiated the honor, has been very familiar with the local SGI-USA organization's involvement in city functions since the 1960s. Over the years, Las Vegas youth division members have participated in parades, city clean-up drives, voter registration and other events, the most memorable of which was the Freedom Bell visit in the mid-'80s.

Recently, Las Vegas members committed to a city-sponsored project called Adopt-A-Block. Discussions about the SGI and President Ikeda's leadership with Mr. McDonald led him to seek out Mr. Ikeda's ideas for Las Vegas' growth and development.

SGI-USA General Director Zaitso received the citizenship document on Mr. Ikeda's behalf. Also presented was a letter from Mr. McDonald inviting the SGI leader to Las Vegas to discuss the promotion of peace and harmony in the city. Las Vegas Mayor Jan Jones joined Mr. McDonald in the beautiful presentation and gift exchange.

The ceremony was attended by 50 representatives of the local Las Vegas organization.

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