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SGI Commended by Brazilian City of Londrina

The Brazilian city of Londrina in the state of Paraná conferred its highest honor, the Ouro Verde Award, upon the SGI in recognition of the organization's contributions to the betterment of humankind. The presentation ceremony was held at a city council session on June 18, the 90th anniversary of Japanese immigration to Brazil. SGI Vice President Hiromasa Ikeda, who attended on behalf of SGI President Ikeda, accepted the medal and certificate from Londrina Mayor Antonio Casemiro Belinatti.

Among the 350-some officials and guests on hand for the event were City Council President Adalberto Pereira da Silva, Deputy Mayor Alex Canzini, Federal Deputy Antônio Ueno, SGI of Brazil General Director Eduardo Taguchi and representatives from local universities, museums and Japan–Brazil friendship organizations.

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SGI President Meets with Campinas Officials

On June 6, SGI President Ikeda and his wife, Kaneko, met with Campinas City Councilor Luíz Carlos Rossini and his wife, Marta, at the Tokyo Makiguchi Memorial Hall in Hachioji, Tokyo, following a ceremony at which first Soka Gakkai president Tsunesaburo Makiguchi, SGI President Ikeda and Mrs. Ikeda were honored by the Brazilian city.

During the meeting, Councilor Rossini handed the SGI leader a letter from Campinas Academy of Letters President Mauro Sampaio. The academy head congratulated him on being made an honorary citizen of Campinas and lauded the city's decision. He further paid tribute to Mr. Ikeda's invaluable contributions to the advancement of mutual understanding among people around the globe. Noting that the SGI leader is a world-renowned poet, novelist and essayist, Mr. Sampaio cordially requested that he accept honorary membership to the academy. President Ikeda conveyed his sincere appreciation for this honor to his guests.

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Anti-Nuclear Exhibition Opens in Peru

On June 4, the "Nuclear Arms: Threat to Our World" exhibition opened at Ricardo Palma University in Lima, Peru. Cosponsored by the university, the Peruvian Ministry of Education and the SGI, the showing has been designated an official event by the ministry as well as the Agency for Cultural Affairs. The exhibition, which calls for increased support of nuclear disarmament, has now reached its 20th country since its tour began at the U.N. Headquarters in New York in 1982.

Some 500 guests attended the opening ceremony, including National Council of Science and Technology (CONCYTEC) President Juan Ernesto Barreda Delgado, who was present on behalf of Education Minister Domingo Palermo Cabrejos; Ricardo Palma University Rector Iván Rodríguez Chávez; and Council for Peace President Francisco Díez-Canseco Távara. Congratulatory messages were sent to the opening by Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori; former U.N. Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar; former Colombian president and Organization of American States (OAS) Secretary-General César Gaviria; and SGI President Ikeda.

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