

NEWSBRIEFS

Soka University of America Gets High Marks for Ethics

Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo, was one of 21 businesses and organizations in Orange County, Calif., that received the third annual Ethics in America Award on June 30. SUA, which will open its doors to students in 2001, was chosen for the honor by the Aliso Viejo Chamber of Commerce.

California Governor Pete Wilson sent a message to the honorees, commending them on their "high standards of personal and professional ethics." Russ Williams of the Passkey Foundation presented the award to SUA, citing the "civic, cultural and educational tradition of Soka University."

SUA received a glass trophy and a letter signed by Orange County's three elected State Assembly members, Marily Brewer, Bill Morrow and Curt Pringle. The letter applauded SUA's "commitment in standing for ethical action in business," and that the school represents "basic ideals of integrity and personal responsibility."

The award is significant in light of the fact that the university is still in its early planning stages.

— LISA KIRK, Assistant Managing Editor

SGI President Recognized by South Korean County

On June 28, SGI President Ikeda was awarded a Plaque of Commendation by the South Korean county of Puyo in Chungchongnam Province in commemoration of July 3, the SGI's Day of Mentor and Disciple. The presentation ceremony took place during an SGI of South Korea Puyo Zone meeting, held in the auditorium of the Puyo Training Center for Youth, with some 500 KSGI members in attendance. Also on hand were County Council Chairman Kim Jeong Sik and other county officials. Mr. Ikeda is the first non-Korean citizen to be so honored by the county.

— Courtesy of SGI NEWSLETTER

SGI President Commended by Brazilian City

On June 26, the Brazilian city of Pindamonhangaba in the state of São Paulo conferred a Certificate of Commendation upon SGI President Ikeda. SGI of Brazil Vice General Director Osvaldo Maki received the award on the SGI leader's behalf from City Councilor Noriaki Odan in a ceremony held at Tiradentes Palace, the city hall. City officials and BSGI members were in attendance.

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SGI President Honored by Brazilian City of São Paulo

On June 22, the city of São Paulo, Brazil, conferred an honorary citizenship upon SGI President Ikeda in absentia in a ceremony held at the SGI of Brazil Culture Center. SGI Vice President Hiromasa Ikeda received the distinction on the SGI leader's behalf from City Council Vice President José Índio Ferreira do Nascimento. The 1,500 participants at the ceremony included BSGI members and guests, among whom were São Paulo State Legislative Assembly President Paulo Kobayashi and Brazilian composer and pianist Amaral Vieira.

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