

SGI Members Help Flood Victims

From Aug. 5–19, SGI members in Hong Kong and Japan donated a total of \$132,000 to aid flood victims in China. Soka Gakkai International of Hong Kong, in a donation drive initiated by its youth group members, raised \$28,000, and the Soka Gakkai in Japan delivered a total of \$104,000.

The Yangtze River area of China is presently suffering from its worst summer floods since 1954. Two thousand people have died so far and more than 14 million are reported homeless.

On Aug. 17, a donation was also made to *The Chosun Ilbo*, a Korean newspaper company collecting contributions for the Korean Red Cross for emergency aid to flood victims in South Korea.

South Korea has also been experiencing heavy torrential rains since early August, and flooding throughout the country has left approximately 150,000 people homeless and more than 230 dead.

The Soka Gakkai-donated funds are to be directed toward food, shelter and medical supplies for the flood victims. The organization has long been involved in humanitarian relief activities, and in recent years it has provided refugee and disaster aid to India, Nepal, Iran, Peru, Cambodia, Rwanda and Somalia, among other places.

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