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Documentary on President Ikeda Wins Film Festival Award

The Religion Today Film Festival, held in Bologna, Italy, recently awarded a Special Mention to *Knight of the Rising Sun — A Portrait of Daisaku Ikeda*, a documentary film of the SGI president's life by Los Angeles member Dan Arden. The documentary, one of only five films honored out of 128, was broadcast on Philippine television in February. Produced by Dan Arden's production company in cooperation with the Philippines' Order of the Knights of Rizal, the film focuses on how Mr. Ikeda became inspired to devote his life to peace. Festival judges said that they honored the film for offering fresh perspectives on socially engaged Buddhism. On Oct. 20, Mr. Arden received the SGI Italy Award from SGI-USA General Director Zaitso, acting on the SGI president's behalf.

Youth Peace Committee Active in San Francisco

On Oct. 7, SGI-USA Youth Peace Committee leaders Yasuko Ikeda, Yvette Edmond and Darin Nellis participated in a series of activities to create greater awareness of the YPC, which promotes humanistic values in society, throughout the San Francisco area. Set up by Yasuko Ikeda, these included a live interview on the San Jose public radio station KKUP and book donations to the San Jose Peace Center and Mission College. During the radio interview, the YPC leaders answered questions regarding the purpose, mission and vision of the YPC, the ongoing YPC Non-Violence Project, the soliciting of support from other youth groups interested in working with the YPC and the "Linus Pauling and the Twentieth Century" exhibition in San Francisco.

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