

**SGI President Ikeda's Poems  
To My Noble Friends**

**SGI President Ikeda dedicated the following poems to all SGI members, presenting them on Nov. 11 to representatives from 60 countries attending the 24th SGI General Meeting in Nagoya, Japan. (President Ikeda's speech at the SGI General Meeting will appear soon in the *World Tribune*.)**

*I call on the Buddhist gods  
To protect the champions of kosen-rufu  
Who embrace in their hearts  
The treasure of the Mystic Law*

*How profound is my joy  
To see the widespread propagation of the Law  
Enveloping the world  
Exactly as Nichiren Daishonin taught*

*Heroic Bodhisattvas of the Earth  
Brimming with the pride of Soka  
Live and triumph resolutely  
In this existence*

**— With sincere prayers for the happiness of the millions of SGI members in 128 countries around the world and for the valiant endeavors and long lives of the representatives gathered today at this SGI conference.**

**I dedicate these three poems to all of you, my noble friends, in commemoration of the 24th SGI General Meeting.**

**Daisaku Ikeda**

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