

SGI PRESIDENT IKEDA'S MARCH 6 ENCOURAGEMENT MEMBERS FIRST!

SGI President Ikeda attended a conference March 6 in Shinjuku, Tokyo, with representatives from the United States, Hong Kong, Europe, Oceania and Japan. He gave the following points:

- Doctors who put their patients' welfare first, not their own, can be called genuine doctors. They are respected. Chefs always intent on satisfying their diners are highly valued. In the same way, SGI leaders who think of the members first in all endeavors, not of themselves, produce benefit for both themselves and others. They contribute to the development of our organization.

- It is important to make continual efforts to impart joy and delight to others and to offer warm words of praise.

- We should cast aside selfishness and devote ourselves to serving and supporting our comrades in faith. Then, we can live out our missions and bring our lives to wonderful completion. We must live in such a way that we have no regrets at the end of our lives. Viewed from the perspective of the Buddhist Law, to be a leader in the SGI is itself the highest honor.

- No one is stronger than those who have decided, no matter where they are, that "This is where I will live! This is where I will win!" Those who have striven throughout with this spirit will, at the end of their lives, emanate the luminous glow of fulfillment, joy and benefit that comes from the very depths of their beings.

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