

TV PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS 'DAISAKU IKEDA: THE MAN'

On June 27, KSCI-TV Channel 18 in Los Angeles aired a one-hour program in Japanese on the life of SGI President Daisaku Ikeda called "Daisaku Ikeda: The Man." The program, produced by Yoshio Senshu and Keiko Kimura, was broadcast to six Southern California counties and more than 3 million cable households.

The program chronicled President Ikeda's family background, accomplishments as the head of the Soka Gakkai International and encounters with world leaders such as Premier Zhou En Lai, from China, Premier Alexei Kosygin and former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev from the Soviet Union.

In this rare interview with Keiko Kimura in Tokyo, Japan, President Ikeda declares his vision for the new millennium: "Restoring the humanity of humankind must become our goal. We must return to a state of society where people can live as people.... I believe the coming century will be one spent in pursuit of these ends.

"People want to enjoy a life blessed with more wisdom, more stability, and more peace. This will begin with the human revolution of one single individual.... I'm convinced the 21st century will see an upswell of a mighty movement to plant the seeds of peace, of happiness and trust, the seeds to allow people to lead truly humane lives, in each of our hearts. This may seem like a long path, but it's actually the only route left to us."

— *STEPHANIE CELANO*