

LETTER FROM THE GENERAL DIRECTOR SGI-USA ESTABLISHES A SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR SUA

Dear SGI-USA Members,

Thank you for your sincere efforts for kosen-rufu throughout this important year as we prepare to welcome the 21st century. I am thrilled to inform you that SGI-USA has recently decided to establish the SGI-USA Scholarship Fund to benefit Soka University of America (SUA). Since the laying of the cornerstone on May 3, the construction of the SUA campus in Aliso Viejo, Calif., has progressed rapidly. Soon this new edifice of humanistic education will be completed and ready to open its doors to bright, serious students.

The mission of SUA given to the students by the school's founder, Daisaku Ikeda, is "to foster a steady stream of global citizens committed to living a contributive life." In support of this mission statement, SUA has adopted the following passage from SGI President Ikeda's address at the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation on Oct. 21, 1997, to reflect the values of SUA: "What our world most requires now is the kind of education that fosters love for humankind, that develops character, that provides an intellectual basis for the realization of peace and empowers learners to contribute to and improve society."

A scholarship fund for qualified students of SUA will contribute significantly to this objective. To commemorate the anniversary of the Soka Gakkai's founding on Nov. 18, I invite you to participate in this first scholarship fund raising drive this November.

We look forward to this becoming a significant part of our tradition each November.

I feel so fortunate that we have this precious opportunity to join President Ikeda in fulfilling his great dream for SUA. Your contribution can be mailed directly to SUA in an envelope you can receive from your district during the month of November. In return, SUA will send you a receipt as proof of your donation. Your sincere contribution will be tax-deductible.

We are standing at the threshold of a new era of kosen-rufu. Let's join President Ikeda in creating SUA and making it an era of victory for all humanity.

Thank you for your generous support. I am praying for the happiness, health and prosperity of you and your family.

Sincerely,

Fred M. Zaitso
SGI-USA General Director