

## **SGI PRESIDENT IKEDA'S NOV. 27 ENCOURAGEMENT APPEARANCE OF ENEMIES PROVES WE ARE ON THE RIGHT COURSE**

*On Nov. 27, SGI President Ikeda attended a representatives conference in Shinjuku, Tokyo, commemorating the Soka Gakkai's founding. The following is a summary of his guidance:*

- Faith that is committed to realizing the goal of kosen-rufu is the essence of Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism. In the present day, this correct faith is found absolutely nowhere but in the SGI.

- The Daishonin teaches that, if we strive for kosen-rufu, the three obstacles and four devils, plus the three powerful enemies, will appear without fail. The appearance of enemies of the Buddha is proof that we are on the right course of truth and justice. It is precisely by fighting and vanquishing these enemies that we attain enlightenment. In sports and the arts — in fact, in any field of endeavor — nothing truly great can be achieved if the road is always smooth, if everything always goes well. The same is true of Buddhist practice.

- The Lotus Sutra stresses the importance of “thrusting aside evil friends and associating with good companions” (*The Lotus Sutra*, p. 78). Please advance together with this noble organization, the SGI — the sole organization in the world striving to widely spread the correct teaching of the Daishonin's Buddhism. Please advance with confidence and joy throughout your life, and adorn your existence with glory.