

**SGI'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNIZED
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Many local governments across the country celebrated the 25th anniversary of the SGI organization (Jan. 26) by issuing commendations to the SGI and SGI President Ikeda. The SGI's contributions to the community and the SGI president's leadership for peace were often cited as the reasons for the recognitions.

Some highlights included: The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco issued a Certificate of Resolution recognizing the SGI-USA and SGI organizations on Jan. 5. The City of Los Angeles presented President Ikeda and Mrs. Ikeda with a Certificate of Commendation on Jan. 7. The State of Hawaii named Jan. 9 "Soka Gakkai International Day," while a number of city and county officials there issued proclamations to the SGI. Anacortes, Wash., and Tukwila, Wash., proclaimed Jan. 26 as "Dr. and Mrs. Daisaku Ikeda Day." Panama City Beach, Fla., bestowed the title of Honorary Citizen on the SGI president and designated Jan. 26 "Daisaku Ikeda Day," while the City of Orlando, Fla., designated Jan. 26 "Daisaku and Kaneko Ikeda Day."

Awards and commendations were also received from New Orleans, Denver, Miami, Englewood, N.J., Seward, Alaska, Biloxi, Miss., the State of Tennessee and various locations in the Caribbean and the Pacific. In total, more than 25 commendations were announced for SGI Day.

Many of the dignitaries who met with SGI-USA and SGI leaders last month expressed their expectations for the SGI's future development. SGI-USA General Director Danny Nagashima commented, "Let's respond to their expectations by making our organization even greater and contributing more to our communities!"