

**REUNION MARKS 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SGI PRESIDENT'S HISTORIC
1990 VISIT
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It was something like an enlightened class reunion. On Feb. 12, exactly 10 years after SGI President Ikeda arrived in America for his historic 1990 visit, more than 200 (mostly) former youth division members gathered with their families at Soka University of America, Calabasas, to renew their ties and their determinations.

In the same Minuteman Hall where President Ikeda gave much of the extensive guidance that led to SGI-USA's rebirth, these members of groups that the SGI president established at the time spent an afternoon discussing faith matters: the mentor-and-disciple relationship, Buddhist study, improving relationships based on Buddhist practice, gongyo and the Gohonzon.

During his February 1990 stay, President Ikeda formed six groups: the American New Century Group, the American Soaring Group, the American School of Glory, the American Wisdom Group, the Performers Group and the Eureka Group. Some 1,000 youth division members, many of them from Southern California, became members of one or more of these groups. Participants on Feb. 12 shared how they determined in 1990 to stick together as a family and how this reunion inspired them to continue doing so for the rest of their lives.

All of the national youth division leaders from that time attended: Eiko Heffron (formerly Eiko Hirota, young women's leader), Ian McIlraith, then the young men's leader, and Danny Nagashima, then the youth leader.

Mr. Nagashima, now SGI-USA's general director, encouraged the participants to "create a wonderful new wave of kosen-rufu in the men's and women's divisions—with your youth division spirit! Let's remember the time 10 years ago when we were here with President Ikeda and Mrs. Ikeda, and how we felt then. Let's go back to our prime point, to the original determination that we made with President Ikeda and Mrs. Ikeda here in 1990."

The "Class of '90" is now planning a 10th Anniversary Conference, to be held at the Florida Nature and Culture Center, June 22–25. If you are a member of one or more of these groups, and want to get involved, please contact the 1990 Reunion Committee at the SGI-USA Headquarters. (Please see impressions of the Feb. 12 event, p. 2.)