

## **SGI PRESIDENT IKEDA'S MESSAGE TO THE 47TH CEC PUT YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS TOGETHER**

I express my deepest appreciation to all of you, the top leaders of SGI-USA, for coming from across the United States to participate in the 47th Central Executive Conference. As a result of the daimoku each of you has been chanting, we have just scored a tremendous victory. I thank you all very much.

I hope that you will continue to move forward from today, aiming to achieve a succession of victories.

The Soka Gakkai's eternal, ironclad principle for victory is having the unity of many in body, one in mind.

Nichiren Daishonin states, "If the spirit of many in body but one in mind prevails among the people, they will achieve all their goals, whereas if one in body but different in mind, they will achieve nothing remarkable" (*The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, p. 618).

This means that if all of you, as leaders of kosen-rufu, put your hearts and minds together with a sense of responsibility, you can accomplish anything. Toward this, it is most important that you communicate thoroughly and regularly. Please center on your general director, Danny Nagashima, with unity as strong as iron. Build a castle of capable people for the sake of American kosen-rufu.

I am praying from the bottom of my heart for the health and personal victories of each of you. Please express my warmest regards to all your fellow members back home.

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*Daisaku Ikeda*