

SGI PRESIDENT IKEDA'S APRIL 29 ENCOURAGEMENT ON THE PATH TOWARD ABSOLUTE HAPPINESS

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SGI President Ikeda's guidance at a conference held April 29 in Tokyo with SGI representatives from around the world.

The SGI has achieved phenomenal development. All of you are showing actual proof of victory in society through your strong prayers and dedicated actions based on the invincible conviction that nothing surpasses the strategy of the Lotus Sutra.

Your achievement in pioneering the way for worldwide kosen-rufu will live on for all time. The names of each one of you will go down in history.

Because you so wished it, you were born in your respective countries and are spreading the Mystic Law. While the hardships may be many, it is hardships that enable us to savor true joy and grow.

Those who advance in life based on faith in Nichiren Dai-shonin's Buddhism enact a drama—a dramatic play—of transforming all problems and sufferings into happiness in accord with the Buddhist principle of changing earthly desires into enlightenment. And this story is one in which the protagonist becomes happy in the end without fail.

The Buddhist Law constitutes the highest good in that it is directed to saving all humankind and all life in the universe. If you follow this fundamental law of life, you will lead a life of absolute freedom.

When you chant with faith in the Mystic Law, your life falls into the rhythm of the universe. Just as saplings grow into sturdy trees, and children grow into adults, you find yourself, quite naturally, on the path toward absolute happiness. You overcome all difficulties and trials with composure. This is the inconspicuous benefit of faith.

Worldly fame and glory are as fleeting as froth on the water. In contrast, all of you working earnestly for kosen-rufu possess the most precious treasure in the entire world.

Those who strive for kosen-rufu with the same intent as the Daishonin accumulate the causes for eternal triumph. Our Buddhist practice exists so that we can acquire a store of immense good fortune and benefit that will extend across the three existences of past, present and future.

As SGI members, all of you generously give of your time, without seeking any personal reward, to show people the correct path to happiness, to teach them the unsurpassed philosophy of the Daishonin's Buddhism. There is no more noble life than this.

You are important emissaries of the Buddha. Each day, I am praying for your good health, your safety and your longevity. And also that you will lead lives of even greater good fortune.

I ask that you carry through with your faith to the end of your life, together with me, together with the SGI. Carry through with your faith always blazing with hope, persevering come what may and never fearing anything. Please lead a wonderful life of deep fulfillment—of which you can proudly say, “I have won!”