

**DENVER WELCOMES 'DIALOGUE WITH NATURE' EXHIBIT
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On May 23, an exhibit of SGI President Ikeda's photographs titled "Dialogue With Nature" opened at the Denver City and County building, sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Art, Culture and Film, the University of Denver and the members of SGI-USA's Rocky Mountain Region.

From the majestic view of the Rocky Mountains to the tiny dragonfly on a lotus bud, the viewers are surrounded by President Ikeda's more than 80 photographs taken around the world.

Adjoining the exhibit is a pictorial history of the SGI-USA Denver cherry tree-planting project. For 12 years, members in Denver have contributed to their city in their own unique "dialogue with nature" by annually planting the Ikeda cherry trees.

Denver's first lady Wilma Webb presented SGI-USA Executive Advisor Fred Zaitso with Denver Mayor Wellington Webb's proclamation of May 23 as "Dialogue With Nature" Day.

The first-ever Global Harmony Award presentation was presented to President Ikeda and accepted on his behalf by Mr. Zaitso. University of Denver Vice Provost Ved P. Nanda, who was also the keynote speaker, presented the award.

"Daisaku Ikeda is not just a poet, nor just a philosopher," said Dr. Nanda. "He talks about what matters to him and to us. He talks about all the problems that challenge us as human beings. I am overwhelmed with his deep insight and I am deeply grateful to President Ikeda for his contributions to global peace."

Dr. Nanda called "Dialogue With Nature" a feast for the eye, as well as the mind, the body and the soul. "I hope that more and more people come and see it" he said. "It's wonderful!"

The exhibit is open and free to the public until June 16.