

'THANK YOU!' FROM THE GENERAL DIRECTOR

Dear SGI-USA Members,

Congratulations for such a tremendous success in this year's May Commemorative Contribution activity. We accomplished another victorious step in our advancement toward May 3, 2001.

I am so happy to express my profound gratitude for your wholehearted participation and generous support. I sincerely respect your dedication, and I am convinced it predicts the glorious prosperity of our movement as the 21st century continues to unfold. As our Women's Division Leader Matilda Buck encouraged us at the beginning of May, "We should take pride in making this kind of commitment for American kosen-rufu."

I was thrilled to let you know that in order to progress another step, the SGI-USA will be opening 15 new activity centers this year. Now I am able to announce the first eight locations scheduled to open these new activity centers. They are: Lihue, on the island of Kauai, Hawaii; Fresno, Calif.; Austin, Texas; Milwaukee, Wisc., South Jersey, N.J.; Brooklyn, N.Y.; Ft. Walton Beach/Pensacola, Fla.; and St. Maarten in the Caribbean.

Congratulations to all the members practicing in these familiar and important American cities. Let's celebrate the growth of our movement for humanity's happiness and take the time to congratulate ourselves for making such great progress. I look forward to announcing the additional activity center locations in the very near future.

With this solid foundation created by all your efforts this year, let's remain committed to fulfilling our dreams and create a rising tide of joy throughout our SGI-USA family toward May 3, 2001. Thank you again for all your sincere efforts and the successive victories we have created.

Danny Nagashima
SGI-USA General Director