

**WASHINGTON, D.C. SPONSORS SPRING FAMILY FESTIVAL
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On April 30, children and their parents and friends joyfully gathered at the SGI-USA Washington, D.C. Community Center for a spring Family Festival to commemorate the first time Nam-myoho-renge-kyo was chanted, on April 28, 1253, and to celebrate Soka Gakkai Day, May 3.

After an abbreviated gongyo, Julie Takakuwa explained the purpose of the day's celebration and the Boys and Girls Group sang "Hooray for the World." A mother-and-son experience in faith by Barbara and Randy Asare-Bediako, an original skit by Paul and John Stonebraker, a presentation on Soka Spirit and a song by the Washington, D.C., Region Chorus followed in lively succession.

One goal of the semiannual Family Festivals—to establish a family atmosphere for everyone, not just for people with children—had clearly been fulfilled by the end of the day.