

**FROM SGI-USA GENERAL DIRECTOR DANNY NAGASHIMA
SOKA UNIVERSITY, SOKA SPIRIT, SOKA CARE**

From SGI-USA General Director Danny Nagashima's speech at the closing session of the Central Executive Conference, June 25.

SGI President Ikeda is always assuring us that our history is everlasting. SGI-USA is still a small organization, but we will become a great river and a great ocean. Even hundreds and thousands of years later, our struggles and our names will be remembered.

“Like history itself, the lives of those who create history are everlasting,” SGI President Ikeda told us in 1990. “All of you have dedicated yourselves over [these past decades] to opening the hitherto untrodden path of kosen-rufu in your respective countries. Each of your names, without exception, will be remembered forever throughout the Latter Day of the Law. And the blessings you accumulate are everlasting, indestructible and inexhaustible” (March 1990 *Seikyo Times*, p. 26).

The next step in our history will be focusing on three points: Soka University of America, Soka Spirit and what SGI-USA Women's Leader Matilda Buck has termed *Soka Care*.

Soka University: President Ikeda has encouraged us recently that SUA will be a treasure of America. For him to establish this school in the United States is indeed our greatest honor. At the same time, it is our tremendous responsibility to support this university by encouraging students to attend it.

Soka Spirit: Educating the American people about the truth of Nichiren Shoshu is the responsibility of each of us. It is important for the leaders of the SGI-USA to take action first in this endeavor.

Soka Care: To care for each person is the most important work of all. Soka Care is the basis of all our efforts, of our entire organization. It is vital that we extend this Soka Care to the 1,000 new members who have joined SGI-USA this year.

As we continue to welcome new members into our family this year, we must reconfirm that the point is not the numbers of people who join. The point is how much we can care for our new friends and how happy they can become. Our primary objective is forever quality, not quantity.

For the next three months, let us also not forget our quarterly focus on publications promotion. When we care for our friends and new members with the desire to share President Ikeda's guidance with them, encouraging them to read the *World Tribune* comes naturally.

Thank you for all your hard work in these areas.

I always start my speeches by asking “Are you happy?” That is because for us, everything starts and ends with the happiness of the members. We conduct our activities as tools to help our members become happy. Based on the happiness in the members' lives, waves of expansion will swell still further.

Let us enjoy the next 300 days toward May 3, 2001! And let us create an everlasting history in the next 300 days!