

SGI PRESIDENT IKEDA'S SEPT. 3 ENCOURAGEMENT THE TIMES CALL FOR EQUALITY

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On Sept. 3, SGI President Ikeda attended an executive conference with local leaders at the Yamanashi Study and Training Center in Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan. President Ikeda commended the outstanding growth achieved by the Yamanashi members, who commemorate 40 years of the kosen-rufu movement in their prefecture this fall.

"Who essentially are the most respectable human beings?" he asked. "It is not the powerful. It is not the famous. The truly great and wise are ordinary people who spread the Mystic Law.

"People who are caught up in vanities and look down on others only end up alone and defeated. It is vital that we go out among the people, forging bonds of solidarity with them.

"For all human beings to advance joyfully together in unity, free of discrimination and inequality—this is the ideal that the world and the times are moving toward. Those who steadfastly walk alongside the people can savor lives of true victory."

Speaking of the power of the Mystic Law, President Ikeda said: "We can transform the place where we are now into the Land of Eternally Tranquil Light that has existed for all time. This is the power of the Mystic Law. Let us steadily create an everlasting foundation brimming with good fortune in our local areas.

"The Mystic Law is the great law pervading all life and the universe. When we dedicate ourselves to the struggle of kosen-rufu without begrudging our lives, we set out on the path to absolute happiness. Everything becomes a seed of eternal happiness that will without fail bloom as wonderful fortune and benefit in the future. This is Buddhism. I hope you will be convinced of this."