

**SGI-USA CELEBRATES NOVEMBER 18  
COMMEMORATIVE GATHERINGS ARE HELD TO OBSERVE THE SOKA  
GAKKAI'S FOUNDING.**

In thousands of gatherings across the United States in November, SGI-USA members and friends celebrated the 70th anniversary of the Soka Gakkai's founding on Nov. 18, 1930. In his message for the commemorative meetings, SGI President Ikeda said: "As we prepare to usher in the century of humanity, I ask all of you to make a fresh and vigorous advance like the brilliant morning sun—with your hearts filled with pride and a firm commitment to your mission to carry out this unprecedented undertaking of spreading Buddhism around the world.... Let us advance toward a new era, armed with fresh determinations, singing new songs and forging new bonds of friendship, as we walk in the glorious sunshine of fresh triumph."