

## FIFTEEN-YEAR TIME CAPSULE OPENED

A time capsule sealed 15 years ago under the World Peace Ikeda Auditorium in Santa Monica, Calif., was opened this week. When the construction of the auditorium was completed on May 30, 1986, the time capsule was lowered into a large concrete vault in front of the altar area and sealed until its opening on May 3, 2001.

Items contained in the time capsule, representing highlights of the organization's development, included 27,000 personal resolutions from SGI-USA members nationwide—the goals and dreams they hoped to accomplish by 2001.

“Unearthing these 15-year-old items amid the renovations taking place at the World Culture Center and Ikeda Auditorium felt like a new beginning toward the future rather than a nostalgic look at the past,” said Wendy DeSou-za, SGI-USA young women's leader, who attended the time capsule opening.

“I felt honored to be present while the time capsule was being unearthed,” said James Herrmann, SGI-USA youth leader. “When I looked at all the items that we took out of the capsule, I thought of the amazing effort of our pioneers and how much has been accomplished up until now.”

New items will be placed in another time capsule and sealed once again under the World Peace Ikeda Auditorium, with the new capsule's opening scheduled for May 3, 2030, the 100th anniversary of the Soka Gakkai's founding.