

**FROM SGI-USA GENERAL DIRECTOR DANNY NAGASHIMA
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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Thank you so much for your great efforts to support our annual commemorative contribution.

I have been so moved by how much SGI President Ikeda has been talking about victory recently. In his many messages and poems that we have received, he encourages us over and over again that “we have won,” and that “we will win in the future.”

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As President Ikeda has reminded us, this is the first May 3 of the new millennium. In accordance with the principle of consistency from beginning to end, this wonderful success is a great way for us to begin the new millennium, and is the first step in our momentous advance.

This steady succession of victories is built upon the in-dividual successes and breakthroughs each one of us shows in our lives. I have been travelling all over the United States, and I have been hearing story after story of members showing such wonderful actual proof during this first May of the new century. Members are winning at work, overcoming illness and developing wonderful relationships. They are saying, with eyes full of joy, “I have won!”

And even those people I have met who are still working to accomplish their dreams are filled with the joy of faith, based on the conviction that “I will win!” All of us are building wonderful, happy lives, and on this basis, a vibrant, happy organization is being created, and a wonderful future of humanity is being constructed.

On May 3, President Ikeda wrote a poem to start the second Seven Bells called “The Indestructible Power of the People,” which is featured on pages 6–8 of this issue. In the final stanza, he expresses his conviction in the great victory of our movement, not just for this year but for the next century. Our victory is a victory of truth and justice, a victory of the people and the victory of humanity!

*Whatever happens,
Our movement of 10
million friends —
Powerfully united
In faith and spirit
And the cause of truth and
justice —
Constitutes a great movement of the people
That will go down forever*

*in history.
It is a true picture of the
people,
Ever-victorious,
indestructible, fearless.
What an inspiring
And sublime sight it is!*

Congratulations! I thank each and every one of you for being such an important part of our movement, and thank you for your sincere and heartfelt contribution.

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