

## **SGI PRESIDENT IKEDA'S JUNE 7 ENCOURAGEMENT THE FUNDAMENTAL POWER TO TRANSFORM OUR LIVES**

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The evening of June 7, SGI President Ikeda attended a conference with Soka Gakkai regional leaders and divisional representatives at the Shinano Culture Center in Shinanomachi, Tokyo. Representatives from the Boston Research Center for the 21st Century were also present.

"We live in a society of interminable conflict and strife," President Ikeda said. "Education is the way to liberate humanity from this tragic cycle. On a more fundamental level, the power of the Mystic Law is the only means by which we can transform the three poisons of greed, anger and foolishness that are inherent in human life."

He also expressed his expectations for top leaders: "It is the mission and responsibility of the top leaders of our organization to work selflessly and wholeheartedly for the sake of their fellow members and the Law.

"I especially hope the men's division leaders will make up for what they may lack in physical stamina with brain power and decisive leadership that will pave the way to victory. I ask that they give constant thought to what they can do to make it easier for everyone to carry out their activities, what they can do to inspire everyone with enthusiasm and joy. And that they also take concrete measures toward that end.

"As for our youth division leaders, it is vital that they are firmly committed to taking full responsibility for kosen-rufu. They are young and therefore should not be content with merely sitting back and enjoying the fruits of an established organization that was built through others' labors. It is important that the youth go out and take initiative themselves, courageously speaking out for the cause of truth and justice. Now is the time to create an eternal fortress of capable people."