

SGI PRESIDENT IKEDA'S JULY 11 ENCOURAGEMENT SPIRITUAL REFORMATION LEADS TO NONVIOLENCE

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On July 11, SGI President Ikeda attended a conference with visiting SGI representatives, including SGI-USA General Director Danny Nagashima, in Hachioji, Tokyo. “Spiritual reformation is the only way to realize the ideal of nonviolence in today’s ailing society,” President Ikeda said. “If world public opinion supports this direction, the times will change dramatically. Our mission to spread Nichiren Daishonin’s Buddhism, which elucidates the fundamental questions of life and death, is immense.”

The SGI president also emphasized that “Wealth does not guarantee happiness. To be concerned about appearances—constantly worrying about others’ opinions, being obsessed about organizational position and so on—is to be a ‘spiritual slave.’ A true Buddhist is one who always remains undaunted and advances unceasingly toward kosen-rufu with the spirit of an unranked fighter on the front lines.

“While always taking good care of your health first and foremost, please steadily climb life’s ascending path toward improvement and growth, one step at a time, and become people whose lives shine with victory in your local communities.”