

NEXT YEAR'S THEME ANNOUNCED 'YEAR OF EXPANDING DIALOGUE'

At a time when dialogue for peace has never been more important, the SGI has set dialogue as its theme. At the 10th Soka Gakkai Headquarters Leaders Meeting, held Oct. 11 in Tokyo, SGI Deputy President Einosuke Akiya announced the SGI's theme for 2002, "Year of Expanding Dialogue."

President Akiya stressed three aspects of this undertaking: 1) expanding dialogue with our friends; 2) expanding dialogue with our fellow members; and 3) expanding dialogue with people in our local communities. He then cited Nichiren Daishonin's words "Teach others to the best of your ability, even if it is only a single word or phrase" as expressing the spirit of next year (*The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, p. 386).

Mentioning that we will soon celebrate the anniversary of the Soka Gakkai's foundation, Nov. 18, for the first time this century, President Akiya called on SGI members to expand the network of people dedicated to good and to strive to bring the remaining weeks of 2001 to a successful close.