

**FROM SGI PRESIDENT IKEDA'S MESSAGE ON RECEIVING THE PLAQUE
AND MEDAL OF PEACE
ENTRUSTING PEACE TO YOUNG PEOPLE**

The unspeakable barbarity and atrocities that Japan perpetrated against the Philippines during the World War II are acts that can never be absolved. So that the folly of the past shall never be repeated, the SGI has worked for many years to marshal the forces of peace, our cry against war and violence directed in particular to the youth of the world.



Together with each of you here today, I pledge to continue my advance upon the paths of peace, culture and education, marching ever onward to transform the 21st century into a century free of war, so that all may shine with happiness.