

**2ND SGI-USA CENTRAL EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE  
CEC PREPARES FOR YEAR OF EXPANDING DIALOGUE  
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The 2nd SGI-USA Central Executive Conference was held Nov. 30–Dec. 2 at the SGI Plaza in Santa Monica, Calif. Representative leaders from each zone were present, as well as the members of the SGI-USA Council.

Many important organizational issues were thoroughly discussed, including the focus of activities in the coming year, propagation efforts, publications promoting the Soka Spirit movement, the Florida Nature and Culture Center and the organization’s continuing commitment to support Soka University of America. In addition, the Council unanimously nominated a new three-year term for SGI-USA General Director Danny Nagashima, which the SGI approved.

Reflecting on the weekend, Mr. Nagashima said: “There is certainly a lot to accomplish in 2002, but everyone at the CEC felt that with the joy of faith, we can definitely do it. Most important is not to put unnecessary pressure on our members — which we have done in the past — to meet our new goals. We want to make every effort next year to be joyous. Then, we will win.”

The Central Executive Committee meets regularly to discuss organizational policy and direction, as well as report on the activities of local organizations. Decisions of the CEC are officially reported through SGI-USA memos to local organizations. CEC members are nominated by the general director and approved by the SGI-USA Council. The Council members are nominated by the general director and approved by the SGI.

Please see pages 2–3 for more details from the CEC.