

**'LINUS PAULING AND THE TWENTIETH CENTURY' IN PORTLAND**

## EXHIBITION OPENS IN LINUS PAULING'S HOMETOWN

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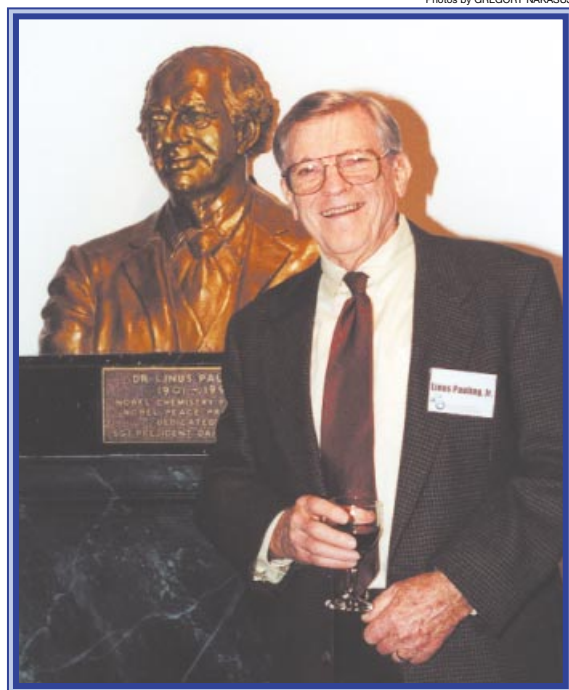
The traveling exhibition, "Linus Pauling and the Twentieth Century," opened at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland, Ore., on Jan. 8. It is especially significant that now, at the start of the 21st century, the Pauling exhibition has opened in Oregon — the home state of Dr. Pauling. The exhibition is being held, in the very city where Dr. Pauling was born, as part of a state-wide celebration

of the centennial of his birth.

SGI President Ikeda and Dr. Pauling conducted dialogues during the latter years of Dr. Pauling's life, beginning in 1987. President Ikeda proposed that an exhibition of Dr. Pauling's life be created to ensure that his legacy would be inherited by future generations. After Dr. Pauling passed away, the SGI began creating this exhibition together with the Pauling family and Oregon State University, Dr. Pauling's alma mater. *A Lifelong Quest for Peace*, a record of their conversations, was published in 1992.

President Ikeda has said that Dr. Pauling, the founder of modern molecular biology and the only person ever to have been awarded two unshared Nobel Prizes (1954 for chemistry and 1962 for peace), "truly deserves to stand with Galileo, Newton, Darwin, Curie and Einstein as one of the greatest scientists of history."

More than 125 invited dignitaries attended a VIP Opening, including guests from Oregon State University, the Oregon Peace Institute, Oregon Health Sciences University, city and



Linus Pauling Jr., co-chair of the 'Linus Pauling and the Twentieth Century' exhibition, poses with a bust of his late father.



SGI-USA Executive Advisor Fred Zaitzu (left) joins representatives from the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, the Pauling family and Oregon State University for the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Portland, Ore., showing of the 'Linus Pauling and the Twentieth Century' exhibition, Jan. 8.

county commissioners, the Oregon Graduate Institute of Science and Technology, the Linus Pauling Institute and the Pauling family.

The opening program preceded the exhibition viewing. Welcoming remarks were given by Linus Pauling Jr., the presidents of OSU and OMSI and SGI-USA Executive Advisor Fred Zaitzu.

After introducing the Pauling family members, Linus Pauling Jr. took several minutes to talk about the SGI and the origins of Buddhism, beginning with Gautama Buddha in India and mentioning the Buddhist sage Nichiren. He described the formation of the SGI by Tsunesaburo Makiguchi and said, "President Ikeda has developed the SGI into a global organization for peace, culture and education, with 12 million members worldwide."

Fred Zaitzu conveyed a message to the guests from President Ikeda, who said: "I believe that there is no better time than

the present to ensure that the precious spirit of peace embodied by Dr. Pauling should spread widely throughout the world. The SGI is determined to work toward this purpose to make the 21st century a century of peace. I sincerely pray that this exhibition will serve to ignite the light of hope and courage in the hearts of the young people of Oregon."

The exhibition consists of panels detailing the accomplishments and key events of Pauling's life. A plaque lists the advisory board members. President Ikeda, listed as honorary chair, is alongside Linus Pauling Jr. and three Nobel laureates.

Beginning a circuitous tour around the room is a video with an actual recording of Pauling's voice. The panels trace Dr. Pauling's childhood in Oregon. There are molecular models that Pauling created and an exhibit of his office — a coat and hat rack, desk, papers, dicta-

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### SGI-Nepal Opens New Center

On Dec. 22, 2000, SGI-Nepal opened the Nepal Peace Center in Kathmandu, Nepal. Attending dignitaries included Nepalese Crown Prince Dipendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev, Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Minister Tarini Datta Chataut, other government officials and guests. Nepal TV and Nepal Radio reported the opening on their respective news programs and 13 Nepalese newspapers covered the story. To mark the event, the SGI's World Boys and Girls Art Exhibition also formally opened and will show through Jan. 7. The center, a traditional Nepalese-style structure, is three stories high and includes a 300-seat prayer hall and a 100-seat meeting hall.

### SGI-Thailand Marks 40th Anniversary

On Dec. 16-17, 2000, SGI-Thailand sponsored a musical extravaganza titled "Culture Festival of Hope Toward the New Century" at the Thailand Cultural Centre in Bangkok, Thailand. Approximately 10,000 performers and participants took part in the festival, which celebrated SGI-Thailand's 40th anniversary and the beginning of the 21st century. SGI President Ikeda sent a congratulatory message to the members.

Mrs. Nathanon Thavisin, deputy permanent secretary of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, praised the SGI-Thailand members for their united performance, and for their positive contributions to Thai society



based on Buddhist humanism. In July 2000, during the worst flooding to strike central Udon Thani province in 100 years, SGI-Thailand members had provided emergency relief. They were later awarded a special plaque inlaid with a relief of His Majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

### The Netherlands and Italy To Host Human Rights Exhibition

The SGI, as part of its human rights education project, will sponsor the opening of "Toward a Century of Humanity — An Overview of Human Rights in Today's World" in the Netherlands and Italy. The SGI and Zeist City will sponsor the exhibition in the Netherlands, with support from the Netherlands United Nations Association, the Netherlands UNESCO Centre, the Netherlands Committee for the Earth Charter, the University of Nijmegen Peace Institute, and others. In Italy, the exhibition will visit the cities of Lavagna, Florence, and Palermo cities.

### Yucatan State, Mexico, Thanks SGI President

Yucatan State, Mexico, presented SGI President Daisaku Ikeda with a

letter of appreciation for his contribution to society as a result of the SGI's activities that advance culture and education. SGI-Mexico General Director Roberto Rios accepted the letter on behalf of Mr. Ikeda from a representative of Yucatan Governor Victor Cervera Pacheco on Nov. 26, 2000, at a theater in Merida City, the capital of Yucatan. Approximately 600 SGI members from Mexico, Guatemala, and Belize attended. (Yucatan State abounds with the ruins of an ancient Mayan civilization. In 1998, SGI-Mexico sponsored an exhibit in Merida City introducing the SGI's activities for peace, culture and education.)

### Dialogue Between Bulgarian Art Historian and SGI President Published

A Bulgarian edition of *The Lion's Heart*, a dialogue between renowned Bulgarian art historian Dr. Axinia D. Djourova of Sofia University, Bulgaria, and SGI President Ikeda, was recently published by the Hellene & Ivan Dujcev Foundation, a Bulgarian publishing company.

On Nov. 17, 2000, Dr. Djourova spoke at a reception commemorating the book's publication at the National Cultural Palace in Sofia City. She related

that her initial meeting with Mr. Ikeda was in 1982 and expressed her heartfelt joy that the publication of the book was finally realized with the help of the Bulgarian people, who stood up for democratization of their country. Bulgarian President Petar Stoyanov, Culture Minister Emma Moskova, and Sofia Mayor Stefan Sofiyanski each sent a message to the commemorative lecture. Approximately 200 guests from cultural and intellectual circles attended.

### Denmark High School Honors Soka Gakkai Presidents

On Nov. 18, 2000, Denmark's Askov Folk High School in Vejen City honored the first three Soka Gakkai presidents by dedicating a tree as the "First Three Presidents' Tree." Former Principal Hans Henningson, current Principal Henning Dochweiler, Poet Laureate Esther Gress, Vejen Mayor Regner Busk and his wife, Marine, along with other guests, attended the tree-planting on campus. During the reception, Ms. Gress read a lengthy poem she had written honoring Mr. and Mrs. Ikeda. Mayor Busk expressed hopes of welcoming Mr. Ikeda to Vejen in the near future and hosting an exhibit of Mr. Ikeda's photography at the city museum. (In September 2000, Mr. Ikeda received the Askov Educational Award from the Denmark school for his efforts to foster individual self-awakening and empowerment.)

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## BUDDHISM IN DAILY LIFE

# Changing Poison Into Medicine

By BEA ALLEYNE

**'We all want "good fortune in this life" and many believe this means having no problems. But true happiness lies in the unshakable knowledge of being able to deal successfully with each problem as it arises and to get satisfaction from the process of solving it.'**

When the psychologist and writer Ken Wilber met his wife Treya, they felt an immediate affinity and married within four months.

But almost immediately Treya began a five-year battle against cancer, culminating in her death. A distressing story? By no means. Ken Wilber's book, *Grace and Grit*, gives an inspiring account of triumph over overwhelming adversity and crippling setbacks. Treya decided to use her illness as an opportunity to work at improving every aspect of her life, physically, mentally and spiritually, and to contribute to the knowledge of the care and treatment of cancer patients. She even used some of her final lucid moments to describe the sensations she was experiencing, so that other patients' reactions would be better understood.

We have all read similar stories of individuals who inspired others by their manner of living and dying. Are these people exceptional? Only in the sense that they are demonstrating nat-

ural Buddha wisdom.

Life poses an endless series of problems, which many of us spend our time trying to avoid. But having a problem does not necessarily mean being unhappy. Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism teaches that strong faith in the power of the Gohonzon can transform any suffering into benefit. This concept is known as changing poison into medicine.

The phrase *changing poison into medicine* was first used by Nagarjuna, a renowned Buddhist scholar who is thought to have lived between 150 and 250 AD. His "Treatise on the Sutra of the Perfection of Wisdom" comments on the Lotus Sutra, in which Shakyamuni described his enlightenment to the truth of life. Nagarjuna compares the sutra to 'a great physician who changes poison into medicine', because Shakyamuni reveals that all people —

even those 'who had scorched the seeds of Buddhahood' have the potential to attain enlightenment, or Buddhahood, in their present lifetime.

Buddhism teaches that the effects of our actions (karma) inevitably return to us. "Bad karma" is a vicious circle of deluded desires leading to misguided actions that create bad karma and suffering. This suffering further aggravates deluded desires, prompting more misguided action, and so on, poisoning our lives. The Daishonin teaches that we can transform these 'three evil paths' into the three virtues: the property of the Law; the wisdom to perceive this Law; and emancipation, or freedom from suffering. He says, "a lesser physician cures illness with

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phone, paperclips and pens that all belonged to Dr. Pauling. Guests can view a scrapbook with news articles detailing the investigation of Pauling during the McCarthy era. The Nobel Peace Prize is encased in glass, a luminous, rotating medal that shines a message of peace and hope. A large photograph of Dr. Pauling with President Ikeda graces the wall.

The SGI hosts and gallery attendants were friendly and gracious, welcoming the VIPs and guests through interaction and dialogue. Several people expressed their gratitude to SGI for putting this exhibition together. Linus Pauling Jr. said, "Meeting with President Ikeda in Japan is one of the most memorable experiences of my life. I have a lot of respect for him and his efforts for world peace."

David Hackleman of Port-

land said, "I truly appreciate Daisaku Ikeda and the SGI for creating this exhibition to educate people about the greatness of Linus Pauling and the message he had to share."

On Feb. 3, there will be a "Peace Fest" featuring several of the exhibition panels at Portland State University. This public event will be sponsored by the SGI-USA, along with the Oregon Peace Institute, Amnesty Interna-

tional, Peace Quilts and the Quakers, and will be an avenue for the SGI-USA youth to promote the Victory Over Violence project.

"Linus Pauling and the Twentieth Century" will continue its worldwide travels. Then, on the date of Dr. Pauling's birthday in 2002, it will be permanently displayed at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore.

The SGI-USA members who assisted in the exhibition set-up

and VIP opening really felt that President Ikeda's thoughts were with them during the event. The VIP Opening event brought into bold awareness that the SGI is moving forward significantly into the realm of global culture, gaining the trust and confidence of societies everywhere.

As Oregon Area Young Men's Leader Jim Cheek said, "In Oregon, we definitely have the sense that President Ikeda is here now." **WT**

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The exhibition includes information on the history of Dr. Pauling, widely regarded as the founder of modern molecular biology.



This is the Portland, Ore., home that Linus Pauling grew up in. The exhibition is part of Oregon's centennial celebration of Dr. Pauling's birth.



(Above) More than 125 invited guests and dignitaries enjoyed a VIP Opening on Jan. 8 at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry.

EXPERIENCE — BRYAN KUBOTA, WESTON, FLA.

# Bryan — Gotta Catch the Gold!

By JENNIFER KUBOTA  
WESTON, FLA.

**Bryan Kubota, 6, breaks records and wins two gold medals in national competitions for in-line speed skating and roller hockey.**

My brother, Bryan, speed skates and plays hockey with his teams, which seems like a lot for the average 6-year-old. However, Bryan does it with ease. Not only does he participate in these activities, but he also chants Nam-myoho-rence-kyo everyday. His daily efforts eventually led him to the Nationals for both speed skating and hockey.

Ever since his first speed skating competition in April 1999 in Tampa, Fla., Bryan has been chanting and looking forward to the Nationals. Since September 1999, he has won all the competitions that he attended. He became the South Florida overall champion in both his division, the Tiny Tot Division (6 and under), and one division above, the Primary Division (8 and under). Moreover, in the Southern Regional competition, held at the end of June 2000, he won first place in his division and competed in the National Championship. This was a big event for Bryan and a chance to fulfill his dream.

Right after the Regionals and one month before the Nationals, Bryan started to learn gongyo. My grandmother taught him a passage from Nichiren Daishonin: "Praying as earnestly as though to produce fire from damp wood, or to obtain water from parched ground" (*The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, p. 441). By understanding the meaning of the passage and memorizing it, Bryan was able to gain confidence and renew his determination to win. So, every morning and evening, he recited the passage in Japanese, along with part A of gongyo and chanted Nam-myoho-rence-kyo. He also started to practice speed skating on ice every morning along with his usual in-line speed skating practice at night. In this way, he wanted to win and prove his

best to his family and coach (as well as his many fans and friends). Our family chanted day and night during the last few days before the Speed Skating Nationals in Lincoln, Neb.

On July 31 and Aug. 1, 2000, the battle for the gold raged on in Lincoln. Bryan was entered to compete in two competitions: The Tiny Tot Boys Individual 100-meter and 200-meter sprints and the 1,200 meter Primary Two-Person Relay. My grandmother, father and I chanted for Bryan's success at home. Every few hours or so, we would receive a call from my mother, who was in Nebraska with my brother. We all waited with eager anticipation for the results.

After many hours of chanting, I received the call that made me sigh with relief. Bryan had won the gold medal in the Individual Race and set a new national record for the 200-meter race!

My mother later told me that many skaters and coaches congratulated

Bryan, saying that he was "something special." Bryan's coach, Bob Manning, who has trained him since he was 4, was proud of him, calling Bryan his "main man." Before the Nationals, Bob said that in Bryan's division, the taller skaters have more of an advantage because of the long strides they take. And sure enough, there was a skater who was really tall in each race.

In the 100-meter Sprint Final, Bryan jumped before the sound of the pistol and had to start four feet back, but with his quick feet and his good form, he came in first. The 200-meter Sprint Final was next. A taller skater got a head start, but again, Bryan was able to easily pass him after the 100-meter run that resulted in setting the new national record in the Tiny Tots division.

But it wasn't over yet. The next day he was to compete in the relay with his teammate in the Primary Division. Most of the skaters in the final relay were 8 years old. Bryan was the only 6-year-old. It was tough competing against the older skaters; they were all taller and much bigger than Bryan. His teammate got a good start in the beginning of the relay, but during the race she tagged Bryan a



At the JO National Tiny Tots In-line Speed Skating Championship in Lincoln, Neb., Bryan Kubota (right) skates like a champion, taking the gold medal in the Individual Race and setting a new national record for the 200-meter race.

little too hard and knocked him down. It was a bad fall, but Bryan did not give up; his strong will and determination allowed him to bounce back up and continue skating with all his might. He managed to whisk away the bronze medal.

mother, no matter how hot or humid the weather was in South Florida. He would return home sweating and gasping, but I admired his strenuous efforts.

The big American In-line Roller Hockey Series 2K Nationals Tournament day had ar-

*'Every time I took a shot at the goal, I would chant Nam-myoho-rence-kyo in my heart to score.'*

Now that he had accomplished one of his major goals, Bryan had one more to go. He had an In-line roller hockey national tournament two weeks away. Since he had been concentrating on speed skating, he hardly practiced any of his hockey skills. He started to train and work on his puck handling and goal shooting. For the next two weeks, he trained with my

rived on Aug. 11, 2000, in Estero, Fla. This was the first year that the tournament was opened to players under 7 years old. It was a three-day tournament with seven teams from three states. Bryan was one of the key players on the team. He said that, "Every time I took a shot at the goal, I would chant Nam-myoho-rence-kyo in my heart to score." His efforts helped his



Photo by EMILY KUBOTA

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team, the WPPO Thunder, to win a total of six games and take first place, winning the gold medal.

After winning the championship final, there was the All-Star game. Because of his good hockey skills, he was chosen to play on the All-Star team. During that game, he scored a hat trick (three goals) and led his All-Star team to a victory. Soon after the tournament, he was featured in a local community newspaper story titled "Weston's Kubota gets hat trick in AIRHS All-Star game."

These events helped me to understand that anyone with a solid determination, great effort and chanting Nam-myoho-enge-kyo can accomplish anything, even someone as little as my brother. Through his success in speed skating and hockey, I think Bryan showed the greatness of this Buddhism, as a disciple of SGI President Ikeda, to many people in the United States last summer. I'm sure that eventually my brother will tell everyone that the reason why he has so much talent is because he chants a lot. The year 2000 was significant for Bryan, marking a boost in his efforts and determination toward the 21st century.

I'm sure Bryan will continue to develop and succeed toward his great mission. Stay tuned. **W**



Bryan Kubota, waiting for the referee's signal to take a penalty shot at the American In-line Roller Hockey Series 2K Nationals Tournament, where he scored three goals in the AIRHS All-Star game.



Six-year-old Bryan Kubota proudly wears his gold medal that he won after leading his team to victory in the American In-line Roller Hockey Series All-Star game.

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medicine, a great physician cures grave illness with virulent poison" (*The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, p. 946). Illness, or misfortune, is an opportunity to change our karma for the better, because we have the 'great physician' of Nam-myoho-enge-kyo available to us.

So, whenever we experience loss, pain or failure, instead of bemoaning our fate or blaming other people, we turn to the Gohonzon to look deeply into our own lives. In this way we gain a profound understanding of the tendencies and patterns of behavior which contributed to the problem and change these tendencies, thereby 'changing poison to medicine.' Thus everything in life becomes a source of learning and development.

Suffering is a powerful incentive for spiritual progress. It is possible to create value from every situation; it does not have to be as dramatic as triumphing over cancer. Our daily problems provide the challenge through which we can reveal the qualities

of the Buddha—wisdom, compassion, courage and life force.

We all want 'good fortune in this life' and many believe this means having no problems. But true happiness lies in the unshakable knowledge of being able to deal successfully with each problem as it arises and to get satisfaction from the process of solving it.

As we develop our faith and practice, we become increasingly aware that by chanting Nam-myoho-enge-kyo we can transform anything and everything into a great source of happiness. As the Daishonin explains: "The single character myo of the Lotus Sutra is like a small spark. When a small spark is set to a large expanse of grass, not only the grass but also the big trees and large stones will all be consumed. Such is the power of the fire of wisdom in the single character myo. Not only will all offenses vanish, but they will become sources of benefit. This is what changing poison into amrita means" (WND, 949).

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# Introducing SUA's Science and Math Faculty

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By PAUL R. CARBAJAL  
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In keeping with Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo's emphasis on global and cross-cultural points of view, the science and math faculty members have developed an innovative program.

Through the math/science curriculum students will gain a greater understanding of the nature of science/math and how it will relate to their working daily lives. The other objectives are for students to attain hands-on experience in scientific method, deductive reasoning as well as communicating scientific ideas orally and in writing.

The math/science class offerings will be rigorous but an important requirement for all SUA students. There will be three courses offered: In The Mathematical World students will take one of four classes, Liberal Arts Mathematics, Discrete Mathematics, Calculus or Topics in Mathematics. The Physical World will help students understand the physics of motion on earth and in the heav-



Anne Houtman (Biology)



Phat Vu (Physics)



Jonathan Merzel (Mathematics)

ens as traced from Ancient Greek times through the Dark and Middle ages, the Renaissance, Galileo, Newton and the Enlightenment. The Natural World will introduce students to the principles underlying the biological sciences: cells and the cell cycle, the genetic code, evolution and ecology.

"It's interesting today, but

when you read the daily newspaper you'll find more and more articles written with some kind of scientific spin," mentions Anne Houtman, biology professor. "I think part of our job at SUA is to foster a community of learners.... We understand that many of the students who come into our program may not end up being scientists or mathe-

maticians...but many at one point or another may be making policy or at least life decisions based on their understanding of science, math and technology."

The faculty members also want students to embrace the notion of science and math and not be intimidated by it. But to also appreciate the creative aspects and the inter-

connectedness.

"There is no doubt that science and math are important sectors in our society today," says Phat Vu, physics professor. "I think the three of us have a compelling story to tell our students and we want each of them to know that science can be just as beautiful to learn and to watch much like art, music or literature." **WT**



**Q & A**  
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A L I S O V I E J O C A M P U S

Send in your own questions, and we'll share the answers!

**Question:**

What will be the application deadlines at SUA, AV for the entering class of 2002?

**Answer:**

The admission deadline for Early Admission for 2002 applicants will be Oct. 1, 2001 (postmarked mail) with acceptance announcements made on Dec. 1, 2001. The Regular Ad-

mission deadline will be Jan. 15, 2002 (postmarked mail), with acceptance announcements made on March 15, 2002.

**Question:**

I want apply for the entering class of 2002 at Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo. When will application materials become available?

**Answer:**

Applications for 2002 will be available beginning May 3,

2001, and will be accepted beginning July 2, 2001.

**Question:**

When will SUA staff and faculty move on campus? What will be the permanent mailing address for the Aliso Viejo campus?

**Answer:**

SUA's staff and faculty expect to move on campus in March 2001. The permanent mailing address for Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo is 1 University Drive, Aliso Viejo, CA. 92656.

*If you have questions of any kind about SUA, please send them to SUA at either admission@soka.edu or info@soka.edu. We will use this World Tribune column to share our answer with others who might have the same questions.*



- The Daisaku and Kaneko Ikeda Library patio is complete, and trees are being planted there — crape myrtles and purple plums.
- The retaining wall for the Peace Fountain near Founders Hall is nearing completion.
- The world map floor made of travertine, granite and brass in the Founders Hall atrium is complete.
- Campus streetlights are installed and operational. **WT**

A M E R I C A , A L I S O V I E J O

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# Welcoming the Real New Millennium at SUA

**By WENDY HARDER**  
SOKA UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Six hundred guests and 100 volunteers received their "Passports to the Real New Millennium" on New Year's Eve at Soka University,

Aliso Viejo's first on-campus fundraiser for the SUA Millennium Scholarship Endowment.

At the sold-out event, guests received their special "Passports," had their passport photos taken and received visa stamps at 18 activity centers on

the first and second floors of the new 124,000-square-foot Daisaku and Kaneko Ikeda Library. Attendees enjoyed dancing to swing music, international dance exhibitions, faculty fortunetellers, handwriting analysis, a silent auc-

tion and raffle, and "The Room of Millennium Wishes," where they wrote messages to SUA's first entering class of freshman students.

SUA's first event in the new library raised more than \$75,000 for the SUA Millen-

nium Scholarship Endowment, which will provide scholarships for SUA students who could not otherwise attend the university because of financial need. Soka University sincerely thanks all who contributed to this event's success. **WT**

Photo by ERIC KIMURA



New Year's Eve attendees dance to swing music in the SUA, AV library.

Photo by GREGORY NAKASUJI



Soka University of America President Daniel Habuki (center) talks with guests.

EXPERIENCE — MAIKO NAKANO, HOUSTON

# SUA, Calabasas: A Humanistic Education

**Maiko Nakano says of her experience at Soka University of America, Calabasas, 'I have made wonderful friends from different parts of the world who share a commitment to humanistic education.'**

The first time I visited the Soka University of America, Calabasas campus I was 11 years old, in 1986, one year after arriving in the United States from Japan. At that time, the SUA campus was just purchased and volunteers were asked to come and help clean up the campus. I was one of those volunteers.

I recall being astonished by the vast natural surroundings of the campus — the mountains, the grass, which extends for acres, the trees that have stood for so many years, the clear blue skies above, the graceful swans swimming across the lake and the small wildlife scurrying about. Everything seemed to be in harmony. I had no idea what to expect from the curriculum that would be offered or when the school would open. I remember, however, thinking to myself what a great thing it would be if I could study here one day.

Soon after my visit to SUA, my family and I moved to Houston. I heard about the developments of SUA occasionally from my mother, but I stopped thinking about my dream of attending SUA; it seemed so far away from me.

When SGI President Ikeda came to the United States in 1992, I attended one of the meetings in Los Angeles. Since that trip, I decided that I wanted to attend college in Los Angeles. I started studying seriously and chanted 30 minutes a day. Although my family could not afford to send me to an out-of-state college, I received university grants and financial aid. After high school, I entered the University of Southern California and decided to major in international relations and East Asian languages and cultures, special-



Courtesy of SUA

Maiko Nakano graduated from Soka University of America, Calabasas, in December 2000.

izing in Japanese studies.

Being away from home for the first time, I felt a freedom at USC that I had never felt before. All of my friends lived within walking distance, there were plenty of opportunities to go out to parties, alcohol and drugs were always around, and no one was there to tell me what to do. I was free to do whatever I wanted. I often felt lonely, so my friends and social life became very important in my life.

Soon I stopped doing gongyo and stopped participating in SGI activities, cutting myself off completely from the SGI-USA organization. My grades plunged, and I became disinterested in school. I also became very negative, angry and felt as though nothing satisfied me. Those were the darkest days of my life. Although on the outside I seemed content, on the inside I was miserable and empty — something was missing.

In the summer of 1997, while back at home in Houston for the break, I was asked to be one of the interpreters for the SGI Japanese exchange group members that were coming to Dallas. I hesitated at first, but my mother went ahead and volunteered me. For the following two months, the other interpreters and I studied and read

phrases from *The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin* and members' experiences in both Japanese and English.

Attending the meeting in Dallas and interpreting for the members, I felt something very warm and cheerful from them. Their sincerity, life-conditions and faith touched my life. I realized what was missing in my life — faith and my connection to the SGI.

Furthermore, this experience enabled me to realize the importance of language. Language is what connects people and it is what we need to communicate with people from different parts of the world. Although my mother always encouraged and pushed me to study Japanese, I never really understood the significance of being bilingual. Now, I began to feel that speaking another language is something really substantial. I became aware of the role that language plays in the global arena. Language is a bridge linking different cultures.

When I returned from Dallas, I read an experience of an SUA, Calabasas graduate in the *World Tribune*. My mother had told me about the master's program in second and foreign language education, with a con-

centration in TESOL [teaching English to speakers of other languages], being offered there, but I never listened. However, the *World Tribune* experience encouraged and reminded me of my forgotten childhood dream of attending SUA.

When I returned to school, everything was the same, but I made a determination to change myself. I stopped using drugs and focusing so much on my social life. I began to devote myself to studying and started thinking about what I wanted to do in the future after graduating. I was fascinated by my major but did not know what to do with it. I considered several options but I was confused and frustrated. Meanwhile, my mother insisted that I check out the master's program offered at SUA, Calabasas. I was not interested in becoming an English teacher at first, but I contacted SUA and made an appointment to meet with the dean of the graduate school, Dr. Tomoko Takahashi.

After meeting and talking to Dr. Takahashi, my views changed. I was once again reminded of the importance of language and about the role of language education. I decided to apply for admission right away. When I received the acceptance letter, I was thrilled.

At SUA, I challenged myself both academically and spiritually. The program is rigorous and consisted of classes that focus on linguistics theories and language education methodologies. The class sizes are small and foster close relationships and open dialogue among teachers and students. Since my study habits were shaky, the academic challenge was demanding because I studied subjects that were new to me. My classmates and teachers at SUA, however, were always there to encourage and support me whenever I needed help.

I also faced challenges of accepting who I am as well as not limiting my potential. I learned to respect others for who they are and about the meaning of true friendship and sincerely caring for others through my classmates who came from diverse backgrounds. Furthermore, I strengthened my faith and practice. I started reciting gongyo, attending SGI activ-

ities, reading President Ikeda's guidance and chanting *Nam-myoh-o-renge-kyo* whenever I felt low.

My experience at SUA has contributed to my personal growth and taught me about the depths of value-creation and humanistic education. I now feel content and no longer feel empty inside. The life I experienced with this practice while I was at SUA and how I feel is so different from how I was during college without my Buddhist practice. I do not regret the past. I realized I have to change myself in order to change my environment. Furthermore, I have made wonderful friends from different parts of the world who share a commitment to humanistic education. I am fully aware of the need for nurturing global citizens through education. In sum, what I gained and learned from SUA is something that I will never experience elsewhere and will cherish forever.

I will begin teaching English at Soka Women's College in Tokyo this April. I am determined to become an educator who embraces and cultivates diversity, humanism, critical thinking and capable global citizens. **WT**

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# Dean Lawrence Carter Speaks in Los Angeles

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Lawrence E. Carter, dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College in Atlanta, gave a bright and engaging lecture at the SGI-USA's Los Angeles Friendship Center on Dec. 10, 2000. More than 300 people gathered to hear Dean Carter, a Baptist minister, share his views on Buddhism's role in society and recount stories from his September 2000 visit with SGI President Ikeda in Japan.

"The SGI is perhaps the most outstanding example of Christian giving that I know of," Dean Carter said. "It's absolutely overwhelming. You are a wonderfully rich spiritual tradition. Just keep up the good work. Don't let anybody convince you that you're on the wrong path. The direct path is always a good path—where you don't have any intercessors, no mediators. You know it for yourself."

Dean Carter recently founded the Gandhi Institute for Reconciliation and will soon publish a book on ethics in

the tradition of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. King and President Ikeda. He has been an eager participant in the SGI-USA's Victory Over Violence project since encountering the SGI in early 2000, lecturing at VOV events in Puerto Rico, St. Maarten, Atlanta and at the University of Michigan. At Dean Carter's request, the SGI-USA's "Treasures of the Future: Children's Rights and Realities" exhibition will show at Morehouse College during the month of January.

Praising President Ikeda for his work in the area of educa-

tion, Dean Carter commented: "I just finished reading the educational proposal written by Dr. Ikeda in the *World Tribune* (Nov. 24, 2000). I have done my own content analysis of it, and I'd like to request more copies so I can distribute them to certain key educators around the country. I will also be quoting from it in my second speech at Harvard University on Jan. 15, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

Dean Carter also quoted from a letter he had written to President Ikeda, saying: "Your emphasis is clearly on practice

and not on preaching. Your attention to suffering people and the oppressed is absolutely praiseworthy. I count myself as one of your disciples and foot soldiers in the cause of value creation. Your wonderful work is a sudden visitation that has lifted my life. I will help make sure that it does not vanish.

"As I continue to read your work with its clarity and far reaching implications, I feel both challenged and inspired to work more effectively and from a place of personal happiness. Your SGI is helping our chapel become more international." **WT**

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SGI-USA General Director Danny Nagashima (right) presents Dean Carter with the SGI Peace Builder award at the Los Angeles Friendship Center, Dec. 10, 2000.

## JOIN THE CLASS OF 2002 AT SUA, CALABASAS

Now in its seventh year, Soka University of America's graduate school in Calabasas, Calif., is accepting applications for its master's degree program in second and foreign language education for the 2001-02 academic year.

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Applications for the 2001-02 academic year are due by April 30. For more information, contact the Graduate Admissions Office at 26800 West Mulholland Highway, Calabasas, CA 9102. Telephone (818) 878-8717, e-mail: grad\_admissions@soka.edu.

## The SGI Responds to El Salvador Quake

A devastating earthquake, registering a magnitude of 7.6 on the Richter scale, struck El Salvador on Jan. 13, leaving hundreds dead and many homeless. SGI members all over the world have responded with sincere prayers and donations. On Jan. 17, Soka Gakkai representatives, on behalf of SGI members worldwide, donated \$17,000 to the embassy of El Salvador in Japan for initial emergency assistance to those made homeless during the quake.

"At this time of year, the Japanese people are commemorating the tragic loss of loved ones in the 1995 Kobe earthquake. Our members understand acutely the human suffering involved in such terrible destruction and wish to show their solidarity," said Soka Gakkai spokesper-

son Rie Tsumura.

Also on Jan. 17, SGI-Taiwan donated \$6,000 to the local embassy of El Salvador. SGI Mexico is collecting blankets, food and basic supplies for the survivors, and women members of SGI Panama have donated food and medicine to be sent to El Salvador through the Panamanian Red Cross.

SGI-USA members interested in providing assistance are encouraged to contact the American Red Cross or other reputable agencies in their area. At this time, relief organizations in the United States are requesting financial donations rather than specific supplies.

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## Dr. Richard Seager Praises the SGI's Value Creation

### Dialogues on Education

On Oct. 5, 2000, SGI President Ikeda met with Dr. Richard Seager of Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, at the Tokyo Makiguchi Memorial Hall in Hachioji, Tokyo. Dr. Seager, a noted American scholar of religious history and comparative religion, has spent many years researching modern Western religions and cultural traditions, as well as encounters between the religions of East and West.

Last year, Dr. Seager published the book *Buddhism in America*. One of the chapters in this work, titled "Soka Gakkai and Its Nichiren Humanism," is devoted to a discussion of the SGI. The scholar praises the SGI's efforts to establish new institutions in the United States that are devoted to "progressive and humanistic value creation," citing as examples Soka University of America and the Boston Research Center for the 21st Century. Dr. Seager is presently working on a book analyzing President Ikeda's thought and his activities to develop a

global movement for humanism based on Nichiren Daisshonin's Buddhism.

President Ikeda expressed appreciation to the scholar for his deep understanding of the SGI, and talked about the first and second Soka Gakkai presidents. The SGI leader explained that in establishing the Makiguchi Hall he had been motivated by the desire to pay eternal tribute to the struggles of first Soka Gakkai president Tsunesaburo Makiguchi, who fought Japan's militarist authorities and died in prison for his beliefs.

Mr. Ikeda also introduced



Dr. Richard Seager of Hamilton College and SGI President Ikeda discuss value creation at the Tokyo Makiguchi Hall in Hachioji, Oct. 5, 2000.

how second Soka Gakkai president Josei Toda, who had experienced deep grief upon the deaths of his wife and daughter, determined to spread Buddhism to bring people relief from the universal sufferings of birth, old

age, sickness and death. Mr. Ikeda further related how, upon meeting President Toda at 19, he, too, resolved to dedicate his life to this cause in the conviction that it was the only path to creating genuine lasting peace. **WT**

## Education Is the Key to Changing the World

### Dialogues on Education

On Nov. 3, 2000, the Education as Transformation Project at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, bestowed its first Education as Transformation Award upon SGI President Ikeda in recognition of his efforts to promote a philosophy of education based on value creation. Professor Victor Kazanjian, dean of religious and spiritual life at Wellesley College and co-founder and senior advisor of the Education as Transformation Project, attended the presentation ceremony, which was held during a gathering celebrating Soka University's annual student festival, at the Soka University Auditorium in Hachioji, Tokyo.

The Education as Transformation Project, established in 1996, works with some 350 colleges and universities throughout the United States to initiate dialogue on religious pluralism and spirituality in higher education. Its advisors include many prominent and socially engaged intellectuals, such as the civil rights activist and professor of religious studies Vincent Harding and M. K. Gandhi Institute for Non-violence director Arun Gandhi. Wellesley College is one of America's premier women colleges.

Dr. Kazanjian has remarked that the purpose of education is to raise well-rounded human beings and that schools have a responsibility to cultivate character and intellect. He stresses the need to restore ethics and spirituality to the learning process.

In presenting the award, Dr. Kazanjian declared that "the 70-year history of Soka education has offered the world a model for an educational process which liberates the mind, frees the spirit and calls each of us to act towards others in ways that respect the inherent dignity and equality of all human life." The award certificate states: "By founding an educational system which nurtures people of wisdom and humanity, President Ikeda and the SGI offer vision of an educational process which by transforming the individual transforms the world."

In his acceptance speech, President Ikeda called on the assembled students to join him in courageously working to promote a renaissance of spirituality and philosophy in the 21st century. Describing education as a matter of the greatest importance for humankind, he vowed to continue issuing proposals on education and promoting the cause of educational reform.

Prior to the presentation, President Ikeda held a discussion with the visiting educator



SGI President Ikeda welcomes Professor Victor Kazanjian, dean of religious and spiritual life at Wellesley College, to Soka University in Tokyo, Nov. 3, 2000.

on the place of spirituality in education and other topics.

In response to a comment from Mr. Ikeda on the large number of women leaders that Wellesley has produced, Dr. Kazanjian explained that the school, in seeking to raise world leaders, strives to inject spirituality and religious depth into the learning process. He expressed his belief in the need for schools to instill in students a global awareness, respect for diversity, a pluralistic outlook and an understanding of value creation; adding that in so doing it becomes essential to address issues of spirituality and religion.

Relating his impressions on visiting Soka University of America, the Boston Re-

search Center for the 21st Century, and Soka University in Japan, Dr. Kazanjian said that every institution President Ikeda has founded brims with energy. The educator confirmed that Mr. Ikeda's humanism and pacifist educational ideals are today urgently needed in the world. Thanking his guest for these gracious words, President Ikeda mentioned that the students of the Soka schools are truly his children and his life and that he will do anything he can to help them grow.

The SGI leader said he was impressed to hear that each year Dr. Kazanjian leads groups of students to India, where they learn through helping the poor. "Serving the peo-

ple — this is the heart and the fundamental spirit of the Soka Gakkai that has been handed down by Tsunesaburo Makiguchi and Josei Toda, the first and second presidents," President Ikeda said.

Dr. Kazanjian related that his grandfather, who at one time served as president of Boston University, had lectured on the works of Mahatma Gandhi when the civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a graduate student at the school. Having grown up in such an environment, the educator said, he had learned that education can change the world and had been led to believe that this was what universities were there to teach. When he encountered the works of Mr. Makiguchi and President Ikeda, Dr. Kazanjian said he found the answer to the question "What is education?" and confirmed that education is the key to transforming the life of the individual and changing the world. He added that in visiting Soka University, therefore, he felt as if he were returning home.

In the course of their discussion, Prof. Kazanjian presented Mr. Ikeda with a letter from Wellesley College President Diana Chapman Walsh inviting the SGI leader to address the students and faculty of the school. **WT**

# ORDINARY CITIZENS WILL CHANGE THE TIMES

## Dialogues on Education

On Oct. 27, 2000, SGI President Ikeda met with the noted American futurist and activist Hazel Henderson at the Seikyo Shimbun Building in Tokyo. At this meeting — their first since September 1998 — the SGI leader and Dr. Henderson discussed the need to empower people and raise their awareness through grass-roots dialogue. They also agreed to carry on their dialogue with a view to future publication. Prior to their discussion, Dr. Henderson was awarded an honorary doctorate by Soka University.

Declaring that the 21st century will be the Century of Women, President Ikeda expressed his hope that men, who have been responsible for so much war, would become more humble. Women must play a more central role in society, he added, if we are to ensure peace and stability in the coming century. "When the lives of women and children shine radiantly, there is peace," he stated. Dr. Henderson stressed the importance of partnership between the sexes, saying that when men and women join hands and work together, a global civic culture that transcends war will be realized.

A leading activist known for her innovative approach to economic and energy policies, sustainable development and environmental protection, Dr. Henderson has become an inspiration for grass-roots movements around the globe. In addition to serving on the boards of several distinguished research institutes worldwide, she is an advisor to governments and governmental agencies in more than 30 countries.

Dr. Henderson has taught at a number of prominent universities in the United States, including the University of California at Berkeley. She has contributed numerous articles to newspapers and magazines, and her editorials appear in 27 languages and more than 400 newspapers around the world. Her many books include *Paradigms in Progress: Life Beyond Economics*; *Creating Alternative Fu-*

*tures: The End of Economics*; and *Building a Win-Win World: Life Beyond Economic Warfare*. Dr. Henderson's philosophy, which calls for a shift from "sovereignty of the nation" to "sovereignty of the people," is today attracting widespread attention.

During her discussion with President Ikeda, the futurist explained what initially led to her interest in economics. She recounted how a minor incident over 30 years ago, when she was a housewife living in New York, had changed her life. One day her young daughter had some soot on her skin that would not rub off. Out of the simple desire to enable children to breathe clean air, she assembled some of the housewives in her neighborhood and started a citizen's movement. As their cause developed, she came to believe that there was something profoundly wrong with the modern economic system. But when she voiced her concerns, she would receive only evasive replies from politicians and economists, who scoffed at the idea that a housewife could understand the principles of economics. Though she had no college education, Dr. Henderson was determined to acquire knowledge equal to that of her detractors. She engaged in self-study and eventually reached the point where she could refute the ideas of world-renowned scholars.

Reflecting on her early efforts in New York, Dr. Henderson explained that, with dialogue as the only means available to them, she and her colleagues were vocal about issues they felt needed to be addressed. People must be given more power, she asserted, adding that when ordinary citizens stand up, the times will change.

In response to a question on what she would do if she were



Futurist Hazel Henderson and SGI President Ikeda discuss the power of the people at the Seikyo Shimbun Building in Tokyo, Oct. 27, 2000.

president of her country, Dr. Henderson stated that she would first of all invest greater resources in education. Next, she said she would eliminate all subsidies to industries that utilize outmoded and non-sustainable sources of energy, such as nuclear power, coal and oil. In addition, she suggested she would reform the tax system, levying taxes on individuals and entities that use non-renewable resources or that produce pollution or waste, and reduce income tax of ordinary citizens. The economist remarked that such initiatives would create jobs, promote recycling and protect natural resources.

Reflecting on her meeting the previous week with Czech President Vaclav Havel, who is also a well-known playwright, Dr. Henderson said that she came away from the exchange feeling that politicians must become poets. The SGI leader agreed, stating that power reflects the world of Animality, while poetry reflects that of Humanity. "Politicians must therefore possess a poetic spirit," he added. Dr. Henderson further remarked that many of today's leaders are simply "businessmen," but that what we need are more leaders who are poets. A poet, she said, is a person who has vision.

President Ikeda noted that Dr. Henderson's mentor, the renowned economist E.F. Schumacher, advocated a theory of Buddhist economics in his work *Small is Beautiful*. Published

originally in 1973, the book warned people against the economics of greed and predicted an oil crisis; it also proposed as a solution an economic system that would strike a balance between spirituality and materialism. Asked what was Dr. Schumacher's main focus, Dr. Henderson replied that, in contrast to traditional economics that emphasizes the "result" of working hard to produce something, Dr. Schumacher placed more importance on the "spirit" that shines in that process.

She then talked about how, when she was living in Princeton, New Jersey, home to Princeton University and thus many influential thinkers, she would invite Dr. Schumacher to her house to hold informal seminars, inviting neighbors and local scholars. Noted intellectuals would come to those private meetings, she said, only because they wanted to meet with Dr. Schumacher out of the public eye, as he was not considered a true economist due to his emphasis on the spiritual. The SGI leader commented on the importance of such small gatherings and praised his guest's activism.

As the discussion came to a close, Dr. Henderson remarked that she was impressed with the wonderful achievements of SGI members around the world. Saying that she considers herself a partner of the SGI, she expressed her sincere hopes for the continued success of the SGI's activities. **WT**

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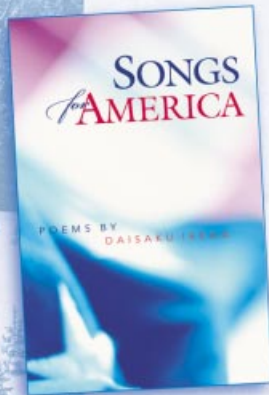
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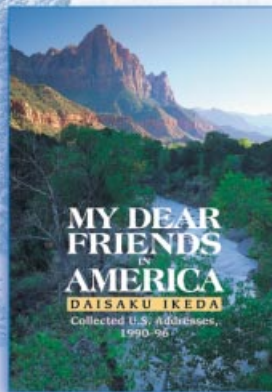
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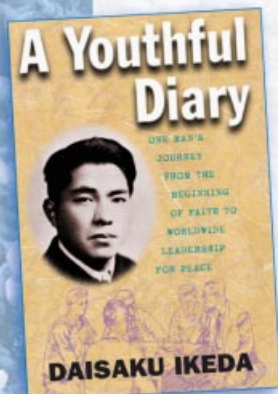
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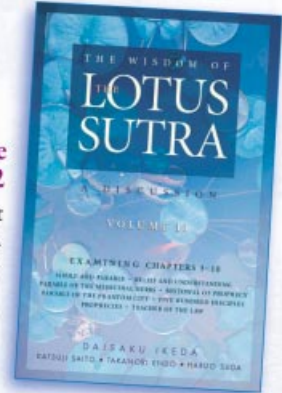
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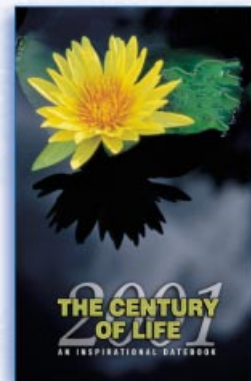
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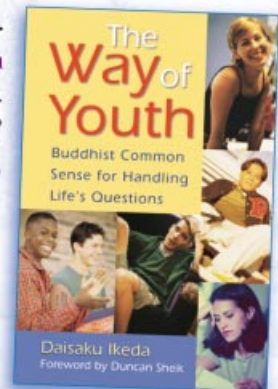


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