



Organization Center

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SUBJECT: President Ikeda's Message Commemorating the 35th Anniversary of
the establishment of SGI (Jan. 26, 1975 in Guam)

Congratulations! We have just received SGI President Ikeda's message commemorating January 26, SGI Day—the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the Soka Gakkai International in 1975.

Message

To my dearest, most beloved and respected comrades in Guam together with our distinguished guests and friends! I sincerely congratulate you on holding your brilliant general meeting today, commemorating the significant 35th anniversary of the founding of the SGI. Thank you so very much for having assembled here in spite of your busy schedules!

The SGI was formed on January 26, 1975 when the First World Peace Conference was held on the island of Guam. Guam was chosen as the site for the establishment of the SGI because I firmly believed that Guam, which had been a fierce battleground during the Pacific War, must generate waves of peace throughout the world, thus serving as a new source of global peace.

Thirty-five years have passed since then. Today the Mystic Law has spread to 192 countries and territories where the SGI has become a vehicle for peace, culture and education. I deeply appreciate all of your earnest efforts to promote *kosen-rufu* and the expansion of peace.

The quintessence of Nichiren Buddhism lies in “establishing the correct teaching for the peace of the land.” Our noble mission as Buddhists lies in striving for the happiness and peace of all humanity based on the Buddhist philosophy of the dignity of life. As I stated at the First World Peace Conference, “I hope you will not seek to blossom only yourselves, but spread the seeds of the Mystic Law throughout the world as you complete your precious lives. I, too, will do the same.” I have maintained my devotion to constructing peace in the world.

I ask each of you to practice this great philosophy of happiness and peace and continue to sow the “seeds of peace” by sharing it with as many people as possible. Your lives will surely shine brightly as you create victorious lives, with all of your prayers fully answered.

Together with my wife, Kaneko, I earnestly pray for the further happiness, excellent health and longevity of all of you. Please give our warmest regards to your families and friends when you return home. Once again, I truly congratulate you on today’s gathering!

January 16, 2010

Soka Gakkai International President
Daisaku Ikeda