

In this section we offer some resources for the preparation of the discussion meeting, as well as for a brief, inspiring introduction to the experiential dialogues that the discussion meetings themselves are; namely: a quote that sheds light on the relevance of all of these efforts («Globally»), a presentation of one of the groups or districts that sustain them («Locally»), a passage from the writings of Nichiren Daishonin commented by Daisaku Ikeda («Advancing with the Goshō»), a «Perspective» and some «Key Topics».

SOKA VICTORY

«Individuals, families, and organizations are all engaged in a struggle, in a battle to succeed. That's why the Daishonin teaches us in his writings to win in both society and Buddhism.

Winning is the key to happiness, to hope, and to advancing kosen-rufu.

And that is why we, proud Soka Gakkai members who are directly carrying on the Daishonin's spirit, must not be defeated! We must win! [...]

Buddhism is reason.

We are exerting ourselves earnestly day after day in Buddhist practice and study—for the sake of Buddhism, the welfare of others, and kosen-rufu.

Just as softly falling snow steadily accumulates, our sincere faith will not fail to produce good causes that impart benefit to our lives. People of strong faith are certain to triumph and flourish in the end. Nichiren Buddhism teaches that they will enjoy boundless good fortune throughout the three existences of past, present, and future, and lead lives of both spiritual and material happiness. This is all determined by our faith. That's why it's important to be serious and steadfast in faith».

IKEDA, Daisaku: «Create Great Triumphant Dramas of Life!», see *Civilización Global*, no. 167, pp. 6-7.

LOCALLY Homevisit after the discussion meeting of Primavera



From the same discussion group of which last month we published an image of a preparation meeting, this month we have received photographs from another moment of the discussion meetings' movement that it is equally important and that results from efforts even more unnoticed: the homevisits to those who were not able to participate in the discussion meeting. These are carried out with a spirit very much in line with the SGDs principle undelined in the next page.

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ADVANCING WITH THE GOSHŌ

No one is left behind

Abutsu-bo is therefore the treasure tower itself, and the treasure tower is Abutsu-bo himself. No other knowledge is purposeful.

Passage from "On the Treasure Tower" (WND-1, p. 299).

«YOU ARE THE TREASURE TOWER! You are supremely worthy! That is the message of this passage from "On the Treasure Tower." Founding Soka Gakkai president Tsunesaburo Makiguchi studied this writing of Nichiren Daishonin deeply and underlined many of its passages. It elucidates the fundamental teaching of humanism in Nichiren Buddhism, which places the highest value on the individual. [...]

The monolithic, complex structures of contemporary society can be said to weaken the power of the individual. This can instill in people a feeling of impotence and destroy their self-esteem and self-belief, causing them to feel unworthy and lose their sense of meaning in life.

By becoming aware of our dignity and finding a sense of purpose and pride, we are able to summon invincible courage to face any challenge, no matter what our circumstances may be. A tenacity to overcome all hardships is born within us. We can develop inner strength and fortitude. We can rise up and take on any obstacle, becoming "a person who falls to the ground, but who then pushes himself up from the ground and rises to his feet again."¹

The way we perceive our own lives is also the way we perceive the lives of others. When we have a sense of our own dignity, we recognize the dignity of others and value their lives, too.

"To leave no one behind" is a core principle guiding the efforts of the global community to attain the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This deeply resonates with the Soka Gakkai's aim of making the dignity of every individual, without exception, shine its very brightest and bringing forth the treasure tower in the lives of ourselves and others. »

Excerpt from "For Our Wonderful New Members", part 3.²

PERSPECTIVE

«Those who have suffered the most deserve the greatest happiness. Those experiencing the harshest karma can embrace the noblest mission and fulfill it."³ These are revolutionary, touching principles—inspiring compassionate love, hope and justice. However, who is able to truly believe in them? Moreover, who is willing to prove that they are true and, by doing it, avoid letting them remain as mere "pretty words"? This has been the commitment of Nichiren and the founding presidents of the Soka Gakkai and, as such, that of their disciples. |

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1. WND-1, p. 1108.

2. See this issue pp. 26-28.

3. Ibid., p. 30.