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SETTING OUT TOWARD GREAT VICTORY



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On the morning of New Year's Day, I prayed for the health, energetic endeavours, and long life of all of you, my precious fellow members. I am determined to continue this solemn prayer as long as I live.

When we reach the end of this year, let us once again sing a joyous song of victory in life together!

We are comrades joined by lofty bonds, possessing the spiritual sword of good and truth. Let us leave behind for posterity a history of resounding victory achieved through the determination and hope that we have nurtured in our hearts. By doing so, the banner of our noble spirit and just cause will continue to fly boldly throughout eternity, to the accolades of future generations.

This year, let us once again advance with pride, singing a song of glory, our hearts beating with an immense, overflowing vow.



In the first essay in this series, which I started writing at the age of 70, I reviewed my life and wrote that my goal by the age of 80 would be "the completion of the foundations for worldwide kosen-rufu." I am determined to dedicate the rest of my life to achieving my goal and to serving my fellow members.

I recall how my mentor Josei Toda, whose greatness goes beyond words, once came to my tiny apartment in Sanno, Omori [in Tokyo's Ota Ward]. Also, when my wife and I decided to get married, Mr. Toda, who was for all practical purposes our go-between, also visited my parents' home and engaged in a frank and cordial exchange with them, talking at length with my father. Many such extremely fond memories remain with me today as my proudest moments.

Just before my wife and I were to be married, Mr. Toda invited both sets of our parents for a meeting at a place near the then Soka Gakkai Headquarters branch office in Ichigaya. At that time, he said, tears streaming from his