

**President Ikeda's new struggle began
on April 24, 1979.**



A map of Tokyo

After April 24, 1979, President Ikeda moved out of his office at the HQ.

Three culture centers where he often led the world peace movement after April 24 were at Tushima, Tachikawa, and Yokohama.

Tachikawa CC:
Built in 1978

Kanagawa (Yokohama) CC:
Built in 1979

Toshima CC:
Built in 1979

Soka Gakkai HQ
in Shinjuku

The year that I personally began to compose and dedicate New Year's poems annually to my fellow members was 1980 — the year after I became honorary president of the Soka Gakkai and just after the completion of the seventh of the seven seven-year periods of the Gakkai's development since its inception. (These seven-year periods were known as the Seven Bells.)

On New Year's Day of that year — in which we could celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Soka Gakkai's founding — just as Mr. Toda had predicted would someday happen after his death, a number of treacherous disciples began to make their move, and a group of corrupt, self-serving priests launched a plot to gain control over the Gakkai. These individuals formed an unholy alliance with the most unscrupulous elements of the mass media, and on that New Year's Day in 1980, I was confronted with their base scheme to bring me down and a raging storm of persecution they had engineered against me. Nevertheless, I wanted to encourage and reassure our members, even if with just a few words, and I took up my pen and wrote:

***Let us once more cross
Countless mountains and rivers
Together
Holding the banner of kosen-rufu
Bravely aloft.***

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一人ピアノに向かう（東京 1977年10月）

Shinanomachi, Tokyo, October 1977

Practicing the piano alone. Couldn't give guidance at big meetings in '79 and early '80, President Ikeda often encouraged members by playing the piano or fan dance.



一軒 又一軒と功労者を訪問し 近隣の友を励ました（東京 1979年7月）

Tokyo, July 1979

Couldn't participate in bigger meetings, President Ikeda decided to visit and encourage pioneers one by one. 30
Starting from late August, 1979, his 500th home visitation was paid for a member in Shikoku Island on February 4, 1985.