



## Shin Yatomi (1961–2007)

SGI-USA Study Department Leader and *Living Buddhism* Managing Editor Shinsuke Yatomi, 45, died on the evening of May 31, after battling advanced lung cancer. He worked in the SGI-USA publishing center for 18 years as a translator, writer and editor, making immense contributions to advancing Buddhist study in the SGI.

SGI President and Mrs. Ikeda wrote in a message of condolence: “Mr. Yatomi fought a valiant battle that will remain in the history of American *kosen-rufu*. His courageous spirit to fight against evil and to protect and encourage his fellow members—while continuously studying and dedicating himself as a gallant general known for his remarkable wisdom and valor—will, without a doubt, continue to shine brilliantly in the hearts of fellow members.”

In February, Mr. Yatomi was presented with a certificate naming him master professor of the Soka Gakkai study department in recognition of his longstanding efforts. On the Soka University of America campus, a eucalyptus tree has been named in his honor.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, mother, Kazuko, and sister, Aiko Kondo.

A memorial service was held on June 3 at the World Peace Ikeda Auditorium in Santa Monica, Calif.