

DISTRIBUTE TO: District Through Territory Leaders, Language Group Coordinators and Zone/Territory Offices
FROM: SGI-USA National Language Bureau
SUBJECT: **National Language Bureau (NLB) Guidelines 2020**

National Language Bureau (NLB) activities will key off the SGI-USA activity guidelines direction for 2020—especially in supporting the SGI-USA goal of introducing 6,000 new youth in 2020!

The primary purpose of the NLB is to ensure non-English speakers can deepen their faith through study and joyfully engage in district discussion meetings and propagation. Languages supported on a national level are Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Spanish. Language-based activities should not conflict with district or other core line activities.

LANGUAGE-BASED ACTIVITIES

Language group activities in Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Spanish, such as study or introductory meetings, are conducted at either the region or zone level. **For regions with language-based demographic considerations, additional meetings can be created. This should be determined in discussion with the line zone leadership.**

STUDY: Study material is based on SGI President Ikeda’s lecture published in *Living Buddhism* and will be carried in the monthly *World Tribune* language page inserts. Meetings should allow ample time for Q&A, discussion and encouragement. Region through national line leaders should be invited periodically to do the lecture and/or share encouragement and organizational direction. Bilingual members can choose to participate in these meetings or attend their monthly district or region study instead.

HEADQUARTERS LEADERS MEETING (HQLM) VIDEO OR DVD SHOWING: To show the HQLM video or DVD, please coordinate with your region or zone line leaders and designated security personnel. Refer to memo 2019-ORG-016 for more details.

EXAMS: The Introductory Exam offered on September 27–28 will be available in Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, and Korean. Study guides and sample exam questions are available on the SGI-USA website (<http://www.sgi-usa.org/memberresources/study/index.php>). The Essentials 2020 Exam will only be offered in English.

SPECIFIC EVENTS: Other than study meetings, video showings or introductory meetings, language group coordinators should submit a proposal by using the Activity Requisition form for approval. Please contact your local zone office to obtain this form.

PUBLICATIONS: The *World Tribune* will publish a monthly language page insert in Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Spanish. The insert will include President Ikeda’s lecture and *The New Human Revolution* Series (as available) published in *Living Buddhism*. Language coordinators should promote the publications while utilizing the supplements in the appropriate language.

LEADERSHIP: National level coordinators are appointed for the Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Spanish Language Groups. If necessary, coordinators can be appointed at the territory, zone and region level. For leadership criteria and appointment procedures please refer to the SGI-USA Leadership Manual, available on the SGI-USA Website at: www.sgi-usa.org/memberresources/leaders/manuals.php.

Armenian, Cambodian, Filipino, French, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Thai and Vietnamese groups are not national in scope, however, it will be up to the local zone line leadership, in discussion with the territory, to decide if or when sufficient numbers of non-English speaking members make holding study meetings or an annual event in their language a necessity.

2020 FNCC LANGUAGE CONFERENCES

March 13–16	Korean Language	May 15–18	Chinese Language
March 27–30	Spanish Language	November 20–23	Japanese Language
April 24–27	Many Treasures #1 (Japanese Language)	For more information about FNCC please contact your local zone/territory office or visit: portal.sgi-usa.org/portal/fncc .	