

JAPAN NATIONAL CONGRESS SAGINUMA SUBUD HOUSE ~ MAY 2008

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While it was the first congress for me as National Chairlady, having finished the congress successfully by the grace of Almighty God, I'm filled with a sense of peace and thankfulness. I would like to express my gratitude to those who gathered from around the country, those who could not attend but sent their valuable advice, those who gave a hand with such as cleaning the Subud House to receive attendees, those who helped with preparations for the congress, and those who prayed that the congress would go well.



As there were a large number of subjects, all of which were important, I had been afraid that we could not discuss them enough in the limited time of the meetings. However, through the skillful direction of the chairpersons of the meetings, everything proceeded smoothly. With much active discussion, I think it was a really successful and fulfilling congress.

While there was some concern about the capacity of the Subud House to hold the congress, someone said afterwards that it was comfortable, like being in their own home, though there were 50 attendees. I, myself, also felt no narrowness, so I was relieved. All I can do is give thanks to Almighty God for the grace.

Looking forward to the 50th year since Bapak's 1st visit to Japan, we will have a new start and I'll try to make full efforts with the new national office staff. Thank you.

Conclusions reached:

- Obtaining legal status: It was suggested, for tax reasons, to create a new incorporated body to undertake business and legal matters on behalf of Subud Japan, instead of incorporating the current "Subud Japan" organization. This suggestion was accepted.

All of the remaining processes of registration were left to the committee formed for this task.

- Celebration of 50th year since Bapak's 1st visit to Japan: It was decided to celebrate the 50th year in some way in May, 2009.
- Change bylaws of Subud Japan: It was suggested to adopt WSA's 10 aims to Subud Japan's bylaws. While the purpose of this suggestion was accepted, a working group was established to consider suitable wording in Japanese.

Their conclusions are supposed to be submitted to the congress next year.