

**MESSAGE TO THE JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES  
OF 2000  
YOU ARE THE HOPE OF THE WORLD**

**GRADUATION MESSAGE**

Many, many congratulations to the class of 2000! May you have a wonderful, unforgettable graduation.

We are very excited for you and we hope you can find a moment amid all the craziness to pause and enjoy the “view.”

It’s no secret how important this time is; nor is it a secret that the world is counting on you to bring a greater tomorrow. The next few years of your life will be, at times, exhilarating, ecstatic, difficult, triumphant, stressful, profound, intense, bittersweet, challenging, and on and on. But, what will always be present is your unlimited potential.

We hope you can make the most of all your opportunities. We hope you find yourself standing alongside other great young persons like you whom you find inspiring and who prove to be your lifelong friends, your allies for peace.

In the introduction to *A Youthful Diary*, SGI President Ikeda says of his third decade of life: “Those youthful years, when I was striving day by day to advance in my undertakings, seem no further away than yesterday. I served my teacher [President Toda] for some ten years—in one sense a long time, in another sense a mere instant—and those ten years contained my entire future.”

Your mission is profound and your life is just beginning. Please have a safe and joyful graduation. Go 2000!

Sincerely,

the High School and Junior High School National Leaders  
Bobbie, Jomo, Nobuko, Steve and Shan