

## LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION

The future of the world depends on education, SGI President Ikeda has often said. Why does he feel this way? Education produces people; what kind of leaders we will have in the future rests entirely on what kind of education we can offer youth today.

Putting into action the ideals of first Soka Gakkai president Tsunesaburo Makiguchi, the originator of Soka (value-creating) education, President Ikeda has founded in Japan Soka University, Soka Women's Junior College and the Soka elementary, junior high and high schools. The Soka system is also international: Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong now have Soka kindergartens. As well, the Soka schools have become the hub of an expansive network of international studies—more than 40 countries and regions have had exchanges with Soka. Next year, the crowning glory of the Soka schools, Soka University of America's four-year liberal arts campus, will open in Orange County, Calif. The first 100 freshmen are to begin classes in August 2001.

"Education must never be coercive," the SGI president has said. "The heart of education lies in the process of teacher and pupil learning together, the teacher drawing forth the pupil's potential and raising the pupil to surpass the teacher in ability." This is the way, President Ikeda believes, to develop the people who will create peace amid the turbulent waves of today's society and who will make advances for humanity in whatever fields they choose.

### *SGI President Ikeda's Addresses at Universities and Institutions*

UCLA, USA	April 1974	Toward the 21st Century
Moscow State University, Russia	May 1975	A New Road to East-West Cultural Exchanges
Peking University, China	April 1980	Personal Observations on China
University of Guadalajara, Mexico	March 1981	The Mexican Poetic Spirit
University of Sofia, Bulgaria	May 1981	A Harmonious Blend of Cultures
University of Bucharest, Romania	June 1983	Crossroads of Civilization
Peking University, China	June 1984	The Royal Road to Peace—A Personal Observation
Fudan University, China	June 1984	The Making of History
Institut de France	June 1989	Creative Life
University of Buenos Aires, Argentina	March 1990	Globalism and Nationalism
Peking University, China	May 1990	A Matter of the Heart
University of Macau	Jan. 1991	Arousing a New Global Awareness
University of the Philippines	April 1991	Beyond the Profit Motive
Harvard University, USA	Sept. 1991	The Age of "Soft Power" and Inner-motivated Philosophy
Chinese State University of Hong Kong	Jan. 1992	Traditional Chinese Humanism Will Shine in the New Century
Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, India	Feb. 1992	Toward a World Without War—Gandhism and the Modern World
Ankara University, Turkey	June 1992	The Kemalist Revolution: A Model
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences	Oct. 1992	An Ethos of Symbiosis
Claremont McKenna College, USA	Jan. 1993	Radicalism Reconsidered
Brazilian Academy of Letters	Feb. 1993	A Garden of Imagination
Harvard University, USA	Sept. 1993	Mahayana Buddhism and 21st Century Civilization
Shenzhen University, China	Jan. 1994	An Infinite Horizon
Moscow State University, Russia	May 1994	The Magnificent Cosmos
University of Bologna, Italy	June 1994	The Flight of Creativity
East-West Center, Honolulu, USA	Jan. 1995	Peace and Human Security
Ateneo de Santander, Spain	June 1995	Toward the Dawn of the Civilization of the 21st Century
Tribhuvan University, Nepal	Nov. 1995	The Living Lessons of Gautama Buddha
Simon Wiesenthal Center, USA	June 1996	Makiguchi's Lifelong Pursuit of Justice and Humane Values
Columbia University, USA	June 1996	Thoughts on Education for Global Citizenship
University of Havana, Cuba	June 1996	Building a Great Spiritual Bridge into the New Century
Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, India	Oct. 1997	A New Humanism for the Coming Century

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