

Message from SGI President Daisaku Ikeda

Official Opening of the Soka Youth Centre

My heartiest congratulations to one and all, on this joyous occasion marking the official opening of the long-awaited Soka Youth Centre in Singapore. It gives me unsurpassed joy to witness the birth of a significant base of kosen-rufu for the youth division in Singapore, whom I have great trust in. I hope you will work together in harmonious unity to ensure that the daily operation of the center will be accident-free.

“It is the passion and power of youths that create a new era.” These are the words of my mentor Josei Toda. He had utmost trust in youths and entrusted everything to them. Similarly, the kosen-rufu movement of the 21st century must be completely shouldered by the youths. There is no other way. It is the youthful passion, and the vibrant power overflowing with boundless potential, that will set the lofty movement to transform the 21st century into a “Century of Life and Humanism”, into a steadfast and progressive momentum. I am looking forward with great expectations that the great current for the SGI’s movement towards global peace be generated from this Youth Centre.

Nichiren Daishonin says, “You must not spend your lives in vain and regret it for ten thousand years to come.” (WND, p622) You are living your youth right now. Please regard everyday as a new challenge against your own weaknesses and overcome all of life’s hardship. By doing so, I hope each day of your youth will record a definite, progressive growth in your lives. At the same time, I hope you will continue to shed a boundless brilliance of hope in society as excellent citizens of Singapore.

From the bottom of my heart, I offer my prayers for the great growth and continued good health of each and every one of you. I shall conclude my message with my sincere wish that all of you will live out your lives courageously as great actors on this grand stage of life.

Please convey my warmest regards to the members of your family.

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