

# Report on Ikeda Studies in Education

## Purpose

The Report on Ikeda Studies in Education is compiled and circulated by the Ikeda Research Institute for Soka Education ([IRISE](#)) of Soka University. The Report serves as an information-sharing tool for scholars and researchers of this field of study, with the aim of facilitating on a global basis, further advances in the research of and activities relevant to Ikeda studies in education.

## News Update

### **University of Guelph-Humber delegation visits Kansai Soka Schools**

On February 20, delegates from the Soka Education Research Centre on Global Citizenship (SERC-GC) of the University of Guelph-Humber in Canada called on the Kansai Soka Schools. Led by Director Dr. Paul Sherman, the SERC-GC research assistants met with Kansai Soka Senior High School (KSSHS) students taking part in a learning cluster program with SERC-GC. Under the year-long program, the research assistants and highschoolers collaborated by remote in research into such fields as peace studies, nuclear disarmament, SDGs and human rights. Their meeting on Thursday featured research presentations by the SERC-GC delegates on Soka value-creating pedagogy and nuclear disarmament, as well as, collaborative presentations with the program's KSSHS students. In his speech, Dr. Sherman cited Soka education as a driving force to advance peace and expressed agreement with Daisaku Ikeda's perspectives on harmonious coexistence.

### **Malaysia's IIUM-ISTAC holds Daisaku Ikeda memorial lecture**

On January 26, the International Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC) at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) organized the second Daisaku Ikeda Memorial Lecture. The IIUM-ISTAC event was held for the second consecutive year and featured prominent Malaysian scholars, educators and cultural figures, who shared insights on Mr. Ikeda's "legacy of global peacebuilding and its enduring impact," the Soka Gakkai Malaysia (SGM) reported. SGM representatives led by General Director Koh Sia Feai also took part in the lecture, which was attended by 280 people onsite while another 600 viewed it live on ISTAC's YouTube channel.

Datuk Prof. Dr. Abdelaziz Berghout, Dean of ISTAC-IIUM welcomed the participants, citing Mr. Ikeda's work in promoting dialogue for peace as well as praised SGM's cooperation with his institute. The first guest to speak was Emeritus Prof. Tan Sri Anuwar Ali, former vice-chancellor of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and current president of Open University Malaysia, who discussed Mr. Ikeda's student-centered philosophy of education. Emeritus Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, advisor and former director of the University of Malaya's Center of Civilizational Dialogue, pointed to Mr. Ikeda's dialogue with acclaimed futurist Dr. Hazel Henderson, Planetary Citizenship, and called for global challenges to be addressed through a holistic approach drawing on spirituality and action.

In his speech, Dean Berghout examined Mr. Ikeda's vision for peace worldwide driven by an individual's self-development. "Solving humanity is solving ourselves," he said. "Solving ourselves

contributes to solving what humanity is facing.”

IIUM is a public institute of higher learning founded on Islamic principles that began partnering with SGM in an Ikeda studies project since August 2024. Among the dignitaries that attended the event was Prof. Dr. Ahmad Ismail, President of the Malaysian Academic Association Congress and Cuban Ambassador to Malaysia Florentino Batista Gonzalez.

Link:

[2nd Daisaku Ikeda Memorial Lecture Held at International Islamic University Malaysia | Daisaku Ikeda Official Website](#)

### **Chinese Culture University’s IRC holds two forums on Ikeda studies**

On February 27, the Ikeda Research Center (IRC) of the Chinese Culture University (CCU) in Taiwan organized two international forums in tandem on Ikeda studies at its Taipei campus. Both events examined Daisaku Ikeda’s perspectives on various issues, from the role of younger generations in engaging peacebuilding initiatives to global citizenship, AI and the environment. Among those attending were CCU President Tzu-Chi Wang, former CCU president Lin Tsai Mei and Soka University President Masahiro Suzuki, together with some 350 students and faculty members.

## **Daisaku Ikeda on Education**

[Value Creation for Global Change: Building Resilient and Sustainable Societies \(2014\) | Daisaku Ikeda Official Website](#)

## **This Issue’s Selected Writing**

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### **Postscript**

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