

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

SGI's UN office takes part in human rights education event in Hungary

On December 9-11, Elisa Gazzotti, the Soka Gakkai International Office for UN Affairs program coordinator for human rights education, participated in “Unleashing Human Rights—A forum to further universal human rights education for, with and by young people.” The event was held under the auspices of the Human Rights Forum and co-organized by the Council of Europe and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), with support from SGI and other organizations. The Soka Gakkai website reports: “On December 11, Amnesty International and the SGI co-organized a workshop featuring the documentary “[Changemakers: Stories of Young Human Rights Educators](#),” which they jointly created with OHCHR. Five of the human rights educators featured in the film shared their activities, and participants discussed topics including the power of art in inspiring youth and ways to extend human rights education to socially marginalized young people.”

Taiwan university holds Ikeda peace studies event

On February 26, the Chinese Culture University (CCU) in Taipei, Taiwan held an international forum examining Daisaku Ikeda's philosophy of peace, culture and education on the role of youth in carrying forward that philosophy in the 21st century. The event, the 17th of its kind, featured presentations by 22 researchers and students from 16 universities, with CCU former president Lin Tsai Mei delivering the keynote address. Dr. Yen-Po Tang, dean of St. John's University, spoke on Mr. Ikeda's belief that the surest way to overcome violence and build peace lies in the persistent exchange of culture and the arts and education.

Former CCU president Lin also gave a welcoming speech at the forum's opening ceremony, followed by words from CCU President Tzu-Chi Wang and a message sent by Hiromasa Ikeda, executive advisor to Soka University and eldest son of the Ikeda family, expressed hope that the forum will help enrich the intellectual imaginations of CCU students. The message was read by Soka University Board of Trustees Chair Yoshihide Akiya.

The forum was hosted by CCU's Daisaku Ikeda Research Center. The center has published translations of Mr. Ikeda's dialogues with prominent figures from around the world as well as research papers on his philosophy. CCU and Soka University signed an academic exchange agreement in 1995.

Philippine university holds international symposium on Ikeda studies

On February 27, the University of the East (UE) in the Philippines hosted the Third Ikeda Symposium at its Caloocan campus, an event supported by Soka University and other organizations and drawing some 400 participants. Held under the theme, “Fostering Friendship Beyond Borders,” the

symposium featured such speakers as Dr. Bert J. Tuga, president of the Philippine Normal University; Dr. Jovar G. Pantao, assistant dean of the College of Education and director of the Mindanao State University's Center for Instructional Development; and Mr. Rafea Salem Awad El-Hawi, the founder and executive director of the Philippine Arab Cooperation Council, Inc.

Among the dignitaries attending the event was Supreme Commander of the Order of the Knights of Rizal, Sir Emmanuel F. Calairo, KGCR; UE Caloocan Chancellor, Dr. Victor R. Macam Jr.; Mika Suzuki, president of Soka University; and Dr. Zosimo M. Battad, UE president and chief academic officer.

The first Ikeda Symposium was held in 2018, when Dr. Battad, who attended the Chinese Culture University's international forum on Daisaku Ikeda's philosophy of peace (see article above) in 2015, sought to provide a similar opportunity for Filipino youth to learn from Mr. Ikeda's humanistic ideals.

Daisaku Ikeda on Education

Japanese edition of Ikeda-Djourova dialogue issued

The Japanese-language version of a dialogue between Bulgarian art historian Axinia Djourova and Daisaku Ikeda was recently published by the Soka Gakkai affiliated Institute of Oriental Philosophy. The book's working English title is "Awakening a Great Revival of Our Humanity" and explores such themes as the shared spirituality of East and West, Catholicism and Buddhism, as well as the role of women. "Awakening a Great Revival" follows their first dialogue—"A Lion's Heart," also a working English title—released in Japanese in 1999 and in Bulgarian in 2000. The art historian is a member of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and a professor at Sofia University.

This Issue's Selected Writing

Pellizzato, Giulia. "Education for a New Global Civilization: Insights from Daisaku Ikeda's Commemorative Annual Proposals." *Critical Hermeneutics* 8, no. 1 (July 2024): 333-367.

[Education for a New Global Civilization Insights from Daisaku Ikeda's Commemorative Annual Proposals](#)

Announcement

The 2nd International Symposium on Global Citizenship Education (Call for Proposals)

We are pleased to announce that the 2nd International Symposium on Global Citizenship Education will be held later this year. 2026 marks the 30th anniversary "Thoughts on Education for Global Citizenship," a speech by Soka University founder Daisaku Ikeda delivered in 1996 at Teachers College, Columbia University.

The symposium will explore themes such as the purpose of democracy and the role of education in the present age. Additionally, the symposium will also explore questions such as: How can we nurture individuals who are empowered to create value and contribute meaningfully across diverse and evolving global contexts?

Theme: Democracy, Education, and Value Creation

Dates: 22-23 November 2026

Venue: Global Square, Soka University

Call for Proposals:

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If you wish to make a presentation at the symposium, please check the details on the website. The presentation can be made in Japanese, English, or Chinese.

Postscript

- We welcome comments regarding this Report as well as suggestions on specific material that it should feature in future issues. Contact: Ikeda Research Institute for Soka Education (IRISE) of Soka University (IRISE-access@soka.ac.jp)
- This Report is issued on a bimonthly basis, with the next release tentatively scheduled for May 18, 2026.