



Crimson Dawn of Peace (Song of Scarlet)

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Background of the Song:

One that spells of hope and courage, the “Song of Scarlet”, was originally composed by the Young Men’s Division (YMD) members of the Shikoku region in November 1981. At that time, President Ikeda has stepped down as Soka Gakkai president and became the honorary president. As a result, President Ikeda took it upon himself to greatly encourage as many members as he could, and one of his visits was to the Shikoku Training Centre located at the southwestern part of Japan in November 1981.

In order to show their sincerity in welcoming their mentor, representatives of the Shikoku YMD members, wrote this song as a pledge of their conviction to protect the organization and support President Ikeda and members of the Soka Gakkai.

When the song was revealed to SGI President Ikeda, he further revised the lyrics to deepen the significance of the song, and later renamed it the “Song of Scarlet”. Eventually, this “Song of Scarlet” spread throughout Japan and was sung nationwide by the youths as a song that encourage many to stand up and bring the Soka Gakkai to take great leaps forward amidst the stormy turmoil.