

(For Leaders and Members)

Message from General Director

Successful Completion of Punggol Soka Centre

My heartfelt greetings to all!

September marks the publication of the final instalment of Ikeda Sensei's colossal 25 years long endeavour of *The New Human Revolution* serialisation in the *Seikyo Shimbun* on September 8, 2018. It also coincides with the anniversary of Toda Sensei's declaration for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons in 1957 on September 8, which defines the starting point of the Soka Gakkai's peace activities.

With immense gratitude, I am happy to update everyone that the Punggol Soka Centre has just been successfully completed in this significant month and granted the official permit for occupancy. Sincere congratulations to all!

This would not have been possible without each of your sincere prayers and your wholehearted support towards the Building Fund. I would also like to express my deepest appreciation to the Project Committee, the Project Consultants, the Building Contractor, and everyone who have contributed in one way or another to this successful completion of our 9th castle of kosen-rufu, overcoming the many challenges we have encountered during the trying times of the pandemic.

Located in the vibrant new town of Punggol, this Centre shall serve to further advance Singapore's kosen-rufu and will be a facility for all members. Preparations are now underway to have the Centre ready for its opening soon and we can all look forward to welcoming you in the near future.

Let us all adorn the completion of Punggol Soka Centre in this Year of Youth and Dynamic Progress with our personal dynamic progress and victories; and our victories at the upcoming Zone General Meeting. With grateful hearts, let us also do our best to joyfully contribute to the Members Contribution Fund Campaign in October. Wishing everyone and your family, good health and happiness. Please continue to take good care of yourselves.

Sincerely,
Tay Eng Kiat
General Director

Upcoming Organisational Matters and Activities

A) Centre Operations and Members Services

1. Updates on General Safe Management Measures at SGS Centres

- In view of the further easing of community safe management measures (SMMs) from 29 August 2022, mask wearing is not needed for short duration visits to SGS centres lasting less than half-an-hour, such as for making donations.
- Attendees to meetings at SGS centres are strongly encouraged to put on a mask, as chanting is done and meeting durations are usually more than half-an-hour.
- Attendees are encouraged to continue exercising responsibility and caution.
- Those who are unwell or have tested Covid-19 positive prior to the meeting should not attend.
- Gongyo and chanting at meetings would be limited to 20 minutes.
- Vaccination-Differentiated SMMs (VDS) would apply to meetings involving more than 500 persons.
- Attendees are encouraged to maintain good hygiene practices, such as avoiding sharing of personal items.

2. Member Contribution Fund (Zaimu)

- Walk-in donations at HQ and Senja Soka Centre are primarily for senior members who are unable to donate via electronic means.
- Donation via electronic means is strongly encouraged.
- SGS supports the move by the Monetary Authority of Singapore to promote e-payments because it is efficient, convenient and green. Nonetheless, those who are unable to do so will still be able to transact in cash.
- Kindly refer to Annex 1 and the below link for further details:
<https://sokasingapore.org/resources/financial-contributions/>

3. Resumption of Members Service Centre

- The Members Service Centre, located within the Soka Women Centre at HQ Basement, will resume from 16 Oct 2022 (Sun).
- It will be available during SGS HQ operation hours from 10am to 4pm every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday (except P.H.).
- Jasmine Group will be on duty to host both local and overseas visitors to SGS HQ, including touring of the Heritage Room and receiving letters for Ikeda Sensei.
- New Friends are welcome to visit the Heritage Room located in the HQ Basement during the Zone GM period too.

B) October 2022 & Upcoming Activities

1. October World Peace Gongyo and Video Screening

- Videos:
 - *Spread Seeds of Happiness with an Indomitable Fighting Spirit*
 - *Expanding Kosen-rufu is the Path To repaying Our Debt of Gratitude*
- Dates: 30 September – 2 October (Fri – Sun)
- Participation: For All
- Participants can **choose to attend any session** of their preference.

Date	Time	Venue	
		English	Mandarin
30 September (Fri)	8 PM	HQ ICA (VDS)	SJSC GRA (VDS)
1 October (Sat)	8 PM	SJSC GRA (VDS)	HQ ICA (VDS)
		SPC HIS	
2 October (Sun)	10 AM	TSC MTA	HQ ICA (VDS)
			SJSC GRA (VDS)
			SPC HIS
			SCC IPA
Note: For VDS Events, participants must show proof of vaccination status i.e. please bring along TT App or TT Token to event.			

2. 3rd SGI Online Lecture (Weekday Daytime Screening)

- Theme: “The Brilliant Path of Worldwide Kosen-rufu: Learning from *The New Human Revolution*”.
- Dates: 4 & 6 October (Tue & Thu)
- Time: 2pm (Duration: 75 minutes)
- Venue: SGS HQ and Senja Soka Centre
- Participation: For members who can attend the lecture in the daytime on weekdays
- **Schedule:**

Date	Time	Venue & Language	
4 Oct (Tue)	2pm	HQ ICA (Eng)	SJSC GRA (Man)
6 Oct (Thu)	2pm	HQ ICA (Man)	SJSC GRA (Eng)

3. WD Lily Group Nationwide Meeting

- Participants: WD Members & Believers 60 years old & above
- WD Advisors are welcome to join
- Date: 5 October 2022 (Wed)
- Time : 2.30pm
- Platform: Via Zoom
- Highlight for the meeting: Fall Prevention talk by Changi General Hospital
- The link to the meeting would be furnished by the WD leaders.

4. SGS Nationwide Buddhist Study

- Dates: 8 October (Sat) @ 8.00 PM till 9 October (Sun) @ 11.59 PM
- Platform: Online Streaming
- The unlisted YouTube links will be sent out by 7 October 2022.
- Participation: For All
- Language: Both English & Mandarin sessions available.
- Study Material: **Accumulating Treasures of the Heart – Wisely Creating Value Each Day** chapter of the book *The Buddhism of the Sun, Illuminating the World – Towards a Century of Health: The Wisdom for Leading a Long Life of Good Fortune and Benefit*



- The book is now available at SGS Sales outlets (SGS HQ & Senja Soka Centre), as well as E-Sales <https://esales.sokasingapore.org/> at S\$8 each.

5. Zone General Meeting

- Emerging stronger from the recent “YES! Let’s BBB!” July Zone Youth Gatherings, let’s continue to create ***Dynamic Progress*** each day and come celebrate a culmination of victories in this **Year of Youth and Dynamic Progress** at the **Zone General Meeting** this October!
- Participation: For All (New Friends are most welcome!)
- Dates: 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30 October 2022
- More details will be shared by each respective zone.
- Kindly refer to **Annex 2** for the updated schedule.
- *Vaccination Differentiated Safe Management Measures (VDS) apply to Zone General Meetings conducted at SGS HQ & Senja Soka Centre, i.e. participants must show proof of vaccination status i.e. please bring along TT App or TT Token to event.

Note:

- Annex 1: Member Contribution Fund and Subscription 2022
- Annex 2: Zone General Meeting Updated Schedule
- Annex 3: Eighth Annual Ikeda Peace and Harmony Lecture
- The Hall of Great Vow remains closed till further notice.

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Annex 1 (For Leaders and Members)

Member Contribution Fund and Subscription Month (October 2022)

Grateful Hearts, Joyful Contributions

The upcoming Member Contribution Fund Campaign is one of the greatest opportunities for us to accumulate immeasurable good fortune in our lives by expressing our sincere heart and commitment for the advancement of kosen-rufu. President Ikeda shares about the genuine spirit of sincere offering in the following manner:

In one of his writings, Nichiren Daishonin relates the story of “The Poor Woman’s Lamp” that appears in the Buddhist scriptures.

Many lamps were lit as offerings from the king and by other illustrious and wealthy people to Shakyamuni, who was residing at Jetavana Monastery. By dawn, however, their lamps had all burned out. Only the single lamp offered by a poor, unknown woman continued burning brightly. It could not be extinguished even by gales like those buffeting Mount Sumeru¹ (cf. WND-1, 1089).

Why was that? Because, explained Shakyamuni, her lamp was offered with the most pure-hearted sincerity and a lofty vow to illuminate the darkness of all living beings.

(Extracted from President Ikeda’s Message for the 8th Soka Gakkai Headquarters Leaders Meeting, held on March 6, 2022.)

Let us learn from the pure and sincere spirit of the praiseworthy woman in the above Buddhist story and make a resolve to contribute our little part to this year’s Member Contribution Fund, as well as inspire the members around us to do so!

¹ Mount Sumeru: In ancient Indian cosmology, the mountain that stands at the centre of the world.

(A) Member Contribution Fund and Subscription Month

- Period: 1 to 31 October 2022
- Tagline: **“Grateful Hearts, Joyful Contributions”**
- Let us all:
 - Make a personal breakthrough in zaimu this year.
 - Inspire every youth to make zaimu this year.
- **In line with promoting the use of cashless payment, electronic means of donation and subscription are strongly encouraged.**
- Please refer to the table in Part (C) of this document for **Subscription Fees for SGS Publications in 2023.**

(B) Modes of Donation and Subscription

The following Electronic Means are Strongly Encouraged		Donation	Subscription
SGS Financial Contributions microsite: https://sokasingapore.org/resources/financial-contributions/			
1a	GIRO	✓	✓
1b	Online Donation and Subscription (E-receipts will be issued)	✓	✓
1c	PayNow	✓	✗
1d	Internet Banking	✓	✗
1e	Go to the nearest bank	✓	✗
Only when Electronic Means are Impossible		Donation	Subscription
2	Mail-in Cheque	✓	✓
3a	Walk-in to SGS Centres	✓	✓
3b	Self-help Kiosk at SGS Centres	✓	✗

1. **HELP SGS GO GREEN!** Online Electronic Modes of Donation / Subscription

a) GIRO (for both Donation and Subscription)

- Application form available at all SGS centres & SGS website
“Quick Downloads” <https://sokasingapore.org/resources/quick-downloads/>

b) Online Donation and Subscription (E-receipts will be issued)

- **E-Donation** <https://sokasingapore.org/sgs-online-donation/>
- **E-Subscription** <https://sokasingapore.org/resources/subscription/>

c) PayNow (using one's preferred payment app – for Donation only)

- QR Code available at SGS centres & SGS website

<https://sokasingapore.org/resources/financial-contributions/paynow/>

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- PICK 选择**
PICK and launch your preferred payment app
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and UEN: S72SSXXXXXX
扫描QR码, 并确认学会的名称
- ADD 再输入**
ADD "Reference No." by keying in the
"Eight-digit contact number of the donor"
followed by "Donor's Full Name as per NRIC",
e.g. 91234567 TAN XXXX XXXX
再输入"编号", 即供养者的8位数的电话号码, 以及
供养者身份证上的英文全名,
例如: 91234567 TAN XXXX XXXX
- DONATE 捐献**
Enter the amount you wish to DONATE
and click "PAY".
You will receive a SMS notification from your
bank for the successful transaction.
输入您想重供养的数目, 然后点击"PAY".
您将会接到您的银行发来的一则SMS资讯,
知会您交易完成。

Thank you very much for your kind donation 非常感谢您的诚心供养

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d) Internet Banking (for Donation only)

- From any bank to OCBC Bank:
 - Account Name: Soka Gakkai Singapore
 - For Member Contribution Fund:* Account No: 501-847081-001
 - For Building Fund:* Account No: 548-014331-001
- From any bank to DBS Bank:
 - Account Name: Soka Gakkai Singapore
 - For General Donation:* Account No 012-004685-5
- Please indicate donor's name & contact number as the transaction "Reference".

e) Go to the nearest bank (for Donation only)

- Alternatively, the donor may visit the nearest bank to process one's transactions with reference to the respective banks and account numbers stated above in 1(d) for different types of donation.
- Please indicate donor's name & contact number as the transaction "Reference".

2. By Mail-in Cheque

- Donor/ Subscriber Details: on the reverse side of the cheque Full Name, Contact No. & Mailing Address
- For Subscribers, please also state your Subscription Type (*Creative Life* and/or *Soka Times*), Subscription Duration (number of months)
- Please mail to SGS:
Soka Gakkai Singapore
10 Tampines Street 81
Singapore (529014)
- Cheque crossed and payable to: **Soka Gakkai Singapore**

3. Walk-in to SGS Centres

- **Catered for those who may be unable to donate or subscribe electronically, especially the senior citizens.**
 - a) **At Front desk of SGS HQ & Senja Soka Centre**
 - Cash
 - Cheque
 - NETS
 - Credit Card
 - b) **Self-Help Kiosk - NETS only**
 - SGS HQ
 - Tampines Soka Centre
 - Soka Youth Centre
 - Senja Soka Centre
 - Soka Culture Centre
- **Contribution Hours**

Centre	SGS Headquarters	Senja Soka Centre
Operating Days	Daily except Saturdays and P.H.	Only Sunday
Operating Hours	10am – 4pm	10am – 4pm

(C) Subscription Fees for SGS Publications in 2023

- Minimum subscription is 6 months.
- Subscription starts the following month after it is made or after expiry month unless otherwise stated.
 - **E.g. 1:** For a new subscription, if the subscription is made in October 2022, the earliest month to start receiving the publication is November 2022. One may also choose to start from January 2023.
 - **E.g. 2:** If one's subscription expiry is in February 2023, the renewal will kick in from March 2023, unless otherwise requested.
- Expiry month of one's current subscription is printed on the magazine mailer.

Publication	Frequency	Unit Price	6 months	12 months	Complimentary for Subscribers
<i>Creative Life</i>	Monthly (Beginning of the month)	S\$5 / month	S\$30	S\$60	Access to E-copy + E-archive 2020 – 2022
<i>Soka Times</i>	Monthly (Mid-month)	S\$5 / month	S\$30	S\$60	Access to E-copy + E-archive of NHR Resources (Pull-out Section) 2021 – 2022

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Zone General Meetings (October 2022) Schedule				1st Week			2nd Week						3rd Week			Total Number of Sessions
				15 Oct (Sat)	16 Oct (Sun)		22 Oct (Sat)	23 Oct (Sun)			24 Oct (Mon; P.H.)		29 Oct (Sat)	30 Oct (Sun)		
Centre	Level	Description	Size	7.30pm	10am	2pm	7.30pm	10am	2pm	7.30pm	10am	2pm	7.30pm	10am	2pm	
HQ (VDS)	2nd Floor	Ikeda Culture Auditorium	890	Toa Payoh Zone	Hougang Zone	East Coast Zone	Geylang Zone	Seng Kang Zone	Tanah Merah Zone	Whampoa Zone	Paya Lebar Zone	Bishan Zone	Tampines Zone	Ang Mo Kio Zone	Aljunied Zone	12
TSC	2nd Floor	Mentor Auditorium	400			Lavender Zone		Cheng San Zone	Changi Zone			Thomson Zone	Pasir Ris Zone	Eunos Zone	Bedok Zone	7
SYC	2nd - 4th Floor	L2 Prayer Hall L3 Prayer Hall L4 Prayer Hall	130 130 130										RHQ 8			1
SJSC (VDS)	4th Floor	Hall of Gratitude	550			Sembawang Zone	Clementi Zone	Chua Chu Kang Zone	Bugis Zone			City Zone	Bukit Panjang Zone	Delta Zone	Queenstown Zone	8
SCC	3rd Floor	Ikeda Peace Auditorium	450					Hong Kah Zone	Chinese Garden Zone					Jurong Zone	West Coast Zone	4
* Vaccination Differentiated Safe Management Measures (VDS) will apply for sessions targetted at >500 pax				5 sessions			15 sessions						12 sessions			32

Eighth Annual Ikeda Peace and Harmony Lecture

Date: 23 September 2022, Friday
 Time: 6.30pm – 8.00pm
 Venue: SMU Hall, B1.1- B1.3, Yong Pung How School of Law, Basement 1

Speaker: **Mr George Yeo**
 Visiting Scholar
 Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
 National University of Singapore &
 Founding Patron of its Asia Competitiveness Institute

Title: **“A Broader Mind, A Bigger Heart”**
 Language: In English only

Synopsis:

The world is fracturing, opening up new fault lines between countries and within human communities. At such a time, it is important that we see the world from the perspective of others and not be too quick to jump to conclusions. Peace and harmony begin with us.

Registration link: https://smu.sg/lkeda_GeorgeYeo
Closing date for registration: 22 September 2022

Brief Profile of Speaker



George YEO is currently a Visiting Scholar at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy of the National University of Singapore and the Founding Patron of its Asia Competitiveness Institute. He was with Kerry Group in Hong Kong from 2012 to 2021. He was Chairman and Executive Director of Kerry Logistics Network from 2012 to 2019. He served 23 years in Government as Minister in various portfolios from 1988 to 2011. Mr Yeo has a BA in Engineering (Double First) from Cambridge University and an MBA (Baker Scholar) from Harvard University. He began his military career as a Signals Officer in the Singapore Army, crossed over to the Air Force, became Chief-of-Staff of the Air Staff, and Director of Joint Operations and Planning in the Defence Ministry attaining the rank of Brigadier-General. Mr Yeo sits on various advisory bodies and company boards, both local and international which included the Vatican from 2013 to 2020.

About the Lecture Series

The Annual Ikeda Peace and Harmony Lecture is organised by the SMU Wee Kim Wee Centre and supported by the Soka Gakkai Singapore. Named in honour of Soka Gakkai International President Dr Daisaku Ikeda, this lecture series was inaugurated in 2015 and seeks to put into action President Ikeda's untiring conviction that dialogue is the surest path to peace.

In collaboration with the Wee Kim Wee Centre and Soka Gakkai Singapore



8th Annual Ikeda Peace and Harmony lecture

A BROADER MIND, A BIGGER HEART

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SMU Hall, Yong Pung How School of Law,
Basement 1
Fri, 23 September 2022
630pm to 8pm

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Dr. Ngoei Wen-Qing

Assistant Professor of History
College of Integrative Studies

Moderator

Dr. Ngoei Wen-Qing is Assistant Professor of History in the College of Integrative Studies at the Singapore Management University. He graduated with a PhD from Northwestern University, specialising in the history of U.S. foreign relations with Southeast Asia. Before returning to Singapore, he completed postdoctoral stints at Northwestern and Yale Universities. His articles have appeared in *Diplomatic History*, the *Journal of American-East Asian Relations*, and *International Journal*. Ngoei's first book, *Arc of Containment: Britain, the United States, and Anticommunism in Southeast Asia* (Cornell University Press) examined how British decolonisation intertwined with Southeast Asian anticommunist nationalism to usher the region from formal European-dominated colonialism to U.S. hegemony.



Closing date for registration: 22 September 2022. All are welcome to attend.

To sign up for this free event, please scan the QR code or register at:

https://smu.sg/lkeda_GeorgeYeo

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