



## **SGS Statement**

On behalf of the entire membership of Soka Gakkai Singapore (SGS), the National Leaders of SGS extend our deepest condolences to the Ikeda family on the loss of our beloved mentor, Ikeda Sensei, on 15 November 2023.

Alongside fellow SGI members around the world, all of us in Singapore are deeply grieved to learn of the sad news, and have since been offering sincere daimoku for Ikeda Sensei's eternal happiness and peace with prayers filled with our deepest gratitude.

It is to Ikeda Sensei to whom SGS owes our deepest debts of gratitude. We will never forget all that Ikeda Sensei had done for us. Sixty-two years ago in 1961, on his westward transmission of Buddhism, Ikeda Sensei first planted seeds of Nichiren Buddhism in this Lion City. His profound prayer for Bodhisattvas of the Earth to emerge from this land, a country that has suffered immensely during World War II, has called forth the great growth and development of our members and organisation over the past 5 decades.

While we all grieve at the passing of our mentor, we will strive to carry on Ikeda Sensei's spirit and legacy for the peace and happiness of humanity, and create fresh waves of victories in harmonious unity, just like what our mentor would like us to be.

## **20 November 2023**

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