# Tadika Seri Soka 11<sup>st</sup> Graduation Ceremony

To all of you my Malaysian princes and princesses whom I am very fond of:

My heartfelt congratulations to you on the occasion of your bright and cheerful graduation ceremony. And, to all the fathers and mothers, I would also like to extend my heartiest congratulation to you! To all the teachers and staff, I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to you for fostering with such great care the treasures of the future until today!

All of you graduates are the "sun of hope" and the "sun of courage". The sun shines not only on sunny days, nut on cloudy days and rainy days as well, shining brightly above the clouds.

Even after you become primary school pupils, as bright "children of the sun" in the highest of spirits, please challenge whatever there is to challenge, strongly, righteously and lively, persevering unyieldingly until the very end!

I am forever praying that you will grow high-spiritedly and brilliantly into praiseworthy big brothers and sisters.

Treasure well your father and mother!

I am looking forward to the day when I can meet up with you! Until then please be in high spirits!

Founder Daisaku Ikeda 16 October 2005

# Tadika Seri Soka 2006 Entrance Ceremony

My heartfelt congratulations to all of you, my precious 220 princes and princesses, on the occasion of your bright and cheerful entrance ceremony. I have been looking forward to this day of you entering the kindergarten.

And, I would also like to extend my heartiest congratulation to your parents and family members! To all the teachers and staff, please ensure that those who enter the kindergarten today will get along well with one another and spend their time happily in the kindergarten.

All of you are the protagonists who glitter in the future. Inside the heart of each and every one of you, there exist the huge wings of "be strong, be righteous and be lively." Just like thoroughly fluttering and spreading these wings of your heart widely into the skies, please grow up magnificently in this kindergarten.

For this purpose, I would like to make 3 promises with all of you today.

Firstly, let us make a lot of friends!
Secondly, let us read a lot of picture books!

And, thirdly, let us listen well to what our fathers, mothers and the kindergarten teachers say!

Please grow up to be a lion's cub that is not defeated by anything and paint the rainbows of hope all over the world. Surely, there are a lot of friends waiting for all of you!

I am all the while praying for you! And, I am looking forward to the day when I can meet up with you whom I like very much! Please stay in high spirits!

Founder Daisaku Ikeda 26 February 2006

#### Tadika Seri Soka 12<sup>nd</sup> Graduation Ceremony

My most treasured 170 princes and princesses of the world, heartiest congratulations on your hope filled graduation ceremony. I would like to extend my heartiest wishes to all parents and family members. I would also like to thank all teachers and staffs for your care and love. Thank you very much.

You are now different from how you were when you just entered. You have now became outstanding 'big brothers' and 'big sisters'. I really wish that I could fly there at once to participate in your Graduation Ceremony, to personally shake all your hands and praise all of you.

There are always many flowers blossoming around the kindergarten, such as the hibiscus and other flowers. Every flower put in their utmost effort, blossoming into beautiful flowers under the shining sun. Likewise, we should also strive earnestly, only then can we blossomed into the most beautiful, bright and cheerful flower.

In TSS, each of you are precious treasure. When we face difficulties, we must believe that we have unlimited power. Putting our motto 'Strong, Righteous and Lively', engraved in our lives and strive to the end.

Above all else, your growth, health and victory is my greatest hope. I will continue to pray for you throughout my lives, protecting each one of you.

Founder Daisaku Ikeda 29 October 2006

# Tadika Seri Soka 2007 Entrance Ceremony

To all of you, my prince and princesses, the most precious treasures of the future, my heartiest congratulations on the occasion of your long-awaited entrance ceremony! My heartiest congratulation as well to all your fathers and mothers! Together with your headmaster, teachers and staff, I have been looking forward to this day of all of you entering the kindergarten.

Do all of you have many things that you like? Courage wells forth when you say, "I've come to like it!" "I will try it myself!" "I will even harder!" in this kindergarten, there are many treasures sparkling brightly that all of you will like very much. Please listen well to what your teachers say and learn, play and grow "strongly, righteously and lively!"

From today onwards, let's get up early and sleep early! Let's greet everyone in high spirits! And, lets get along well with your friends! I am heartily watching over and looking forward to see all of you, my most treasured ones, growing by leap and bound!

I am all the while earnestly praying for all of you!

My heartiest congratulation to all of you again!

Founder Daisaku Ikeda 4 March 2007

# Tadika Seri Soka 13<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony

Our guest of honour, Yang Berhormat Datin Paduka Low Lee Leng (Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri Selangor Kawasan Kajang), distinguish guests, parents, knowing that all of you have come to attend the graduation ceremony in this kindergarten, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all of you and welcome to Tadika Seri Soka.

My heartfelt congratulations to all of you, my most precious 162 princes and princesses, on the occasion of your 13<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony brimming over with hope.

And, to all the fathers and mothers, I would like to heartiestly congratulate all of you on the grand graduation of your children. As the founder, I too rejoice from the bottom of my heart at the appearance of all of them growing admirably. And, to all the teachers and staff, I would also like to extend my sincerest appreciation to all of you for your daily efforts.

To all of you who are graduating in high spirits today, I would like to present you with these words, "Do your very best as the cub of the lion!" The lion is the king of all beasts! When the lion roars, cruel animals as well as wicked animals will all run away! Inside the heart of each and every one of you, there is also the heart of the lion! This is the heart of courage that is never defeated by anything at all! Even after your graduation, as "the cub of the lion" who wells up courage from within the heart, please go on to challenge new things!

I am forever praying that all of you will grow high-spirited and brilliantly into praiseworthy big brothers and big sisters. And, I will continue to pray throughout my whole life for the victory and glory of all of you.

Please treasure well your father and mother!

I am also looking forward to the day when I can meet up with all of you!

Founder Daisaku Ikeda 21 October 2007

# Tadika Seri Soka 2008 Entrance Ceremony

To all of you, the princes and princesses of Tadika Seri Soka Malaysia, who are my hopes, my heartiest congratulations on the occasion of your Entrance Ceremony! I feel truly joyful seeing all of you entering the kindergarten! From the bottom of my heart, I rejoice with all your family members as well! And, to the teachers and staff, I hope that all of you will take great care of these new and precious kindergarten children.

I think all of you are excited and feeling uneasy at meeting new friends, and there are different friends to meet during the entrance ceremony today. However, from today onwards, we will be kindergarten mates playing, learning and growing together in this castle of friendship called Tadika Seri Soka Malaysia. Please get along well with one another, coming to the kindergarten with beaming faces and in high spirits, and create lots and lots of fond memories.

For this, let's greet everyone in the morning with 'good morning!' in high spirits! And, let's get along well with our friends and eat more! And, let's call out gently and help our friends who are troubled and who are crying. Friends of Tadika Seri Soka Malaysia are precious friends who get along well with one another throughout the whole of their life! Please grow up 'strongly, righteosly and lively!'

In my heart, I am always with all of you all the time!

All of you are indeed the treasures of the future, and my irreplaceable treasures!

I am earnestly praying for the good health, happiness and growth of all of you! And, I am all the while praying for your rapid growth into world leaders of the future!

Founder Daisaku Ikeda 27 April 2008

# Tadika Seri Soka 14<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony

My most beloved princes and princesses of Tadika Seri Soka, heartiest congratulation to all of you on the occasion of your 14<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony brimming over with hope. I am overwhelmed with such feelings as wanting to fly over immediately to your kindergarten and heartily praise all of you, who have grown excellent into "big brothers" and "big sisters", with "Congratulation! Well done!" And, to all the family members, I would like to heartily congratulate all of you on the auspicious graduation of your children. To all the teachers and staff as well, my heartiest thanks to all of you for all your efforts.

Have all of you seen a big tree standing majestically tall? No matter how strong the wind blows and how heavy the rain falls, a big tree never falls! The secret of its strength lies in its roots beneath the ground. From small, the tree steadily spread its roots widely and deeply, and grows into a big tree which never yield to anything, no matter what.

Today, let us make a promise together. It is to "try your very best with a never-be-defeated heart!" From now on, all of you will become primary school students, and you will have a lot of things to challenge for the very first time. Please do your level best tenaciously and never give up, and spread your roots widely and deeply. And, please grow into persons with a very big and strong heart!

I am always looking forward to your growth! I will be watching over all of you throughout my whole life. From now onwards, with such joyful memories during your Soka Kindergarten days inside your heart, let's study and advance strongly, righteously and lively!

Heartiest congratulation to all of you again!

To the great young world citizen of Soka, May health be with you! May victory be with you! May glory be with you!

Founder Daisaku Ikeda 26 October 2008

#### Message to the "Gathering of Teachers with Mentor" of Tadika Seri Soka

My trustworthy "Gathering of Teachers" of Malaysia (the teachers and staff of Tadika Seri Soka),

I would like to express my heartiest gratitude to all of you for giving your all for the sake of Tadika Seri Soka and the kindergarten children, as well as for the sake of actualising Soka education in the forthcoming days. Throughout these 15 years, surmounting umpteen difficulties, overcoming various obstacles and pouring your heart and soul, you have opened up the thorny path of pioneering days. As the founder, I know of all these happenings as if they were right before my eyes. My deepest and heartiest thanks to all of you!

Makiguchi Tsunesaburo Sensei, the founder of Soka education which we are practising has repeatedly said that teachers must themselves study first! A famous ancient Chinese maxim that Makiguchi Sensei was very fond of using goes, "Renew yourself each day!" From this, we can understand well Makiguchi Sensei's way of living. Indeed, it was because Makiguchi Sensei treated each and every day as a new departure and never slackened in his own self-education that he was able to always play an active role on the frontline of education and leave behind a brilliantly great research on education that shines in later generations. In all respects, the teacher must himself or herself carry out human revolution — this is one of the conclusions of Makiguchi Sensei's perspective on education.

Education is ultimately the sacred undertaking of life! Only human beings can foster human beings. We have to be a "true human being" first before we can foster "true human beings!" All of you, the "Gathering of Teachers," please live a most respectworthy life in receiving the children with renewed feeling every day, engaging yourself in children education with renewed resolve every day, and brightening up the life of each and every one of the children. This is the wish of my wife and myself!

My wife and I are earnestly praying that each and every one of you, the "Gathering of Teachers," will be healthy, mishap-free, brimming with vitality and high-spirit in your active role-play, and that all your family members will live a life of happiness!

To conclude, I would like to give the following applause:

To Tadika Seri Soka and each and every one of you, the "Gathering of Teachers,"

May victory be with you! May happiness be with you! May glory be with you! Please be in high spirit!

Daisaku Ikeda and Kaneko, Founder, Tadika Seri Soka, November 17, 2008.

# Tadika Seri Soka 2009 Entrance Ceremony

To all of you, the two hundred and fourteen (214) princes and princesses of Tadika Seri Soka Malaysia, my heartiest congratulations on the occasion of your Entrance Ceremony brimming with hopes!

I, together with the teachers and staff, have been waiting for all of you to come to our kindergarten in high spirit! My heartiest congratulations to all of your family members as well!

Tadika Seri Soka Malaysia is a fantastic castle full of treasures. From today onwards, please enjoy your treasure hunt here every day!

In the morning, let's greet everyone with "Good Morning!" in high spirit! Let's get along well and play high-spiritedly with our friends and train to have a healthy body! If any of our friends are facing difficulties, let's gently call out to them! Surely, your friend's heart as well as your heart will become warm! And, let's first challenge those things that you dislike and feel poor at!

Surely, all of you will discover lots of valuable treasures such as important friends, strong and gentle hearts and courage of never be defeated.

All of you, my very, very precious treasures, by being strong, righteous and lively here in Tadika Seri Soka, please create lots and lots of wonderful memories.

I am earnestly praying for the good health, happiness and growth of all of you! And, I am all the while praying for your growth into great world leaders of the future!

Founder Daisaku Ikeda 22 February 2009

# Tadika Seri Soka 15<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony

My heartfelt congratulation to all of you 188 princes and princesses, my most precious treasures in the world, on the occasion of your 15<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony brimming over with hope. To all fathers, mothers and family members, I would like to heartiestly congratulate you on the grand graduation of your children. To all the teachers and staff as well, my heartiest thanks to all of you for all the efforts you put in until today.

All of you have grown excellently into "big brothers" and "big sisters," quite different from the time when you entered the kindergarten. I am overwhelmed with such feelings as to want to immediately take a plane and fly over to your kindergarten and, while shaking hand with each and every one of you, heartiestly praise all of you with "Congratulations!" and "Well done!"

Do all of you know the flower called dandelion? Dandelion will grow rapidly no matter where they are with their cute yellow flowers blooming vigorously. Why is the dandelion so strong? The secret lies in their roots beneath the soil. Dandelion will stretch their roots deeper into the soil, and will even grow to one meter tall. All of you, just like the dandelion, please stretch your roots deep, grow high-spiritedly and blossom into splendid flowers!

For this purpose, let us make a promise together today. That is, to "try your very best with a never-be-defeated heart!" From now on, all of you will become primary students, and you will have a lot of new things to challenge. At such time, please do your level best tenaciously and never give up, and stretch your roots deeper and deeper. And, please grow into persons with a big and strong heart!

I am always watching over all of you whom I am very fond of! I am praying whole-heartedly for all of you to grow strongly, righteously and lively! I will be your ally, no matter when, throughout my life!

Please stay high-spirited! And, please treasure your father and mother! My heartiest congratulation to all of you again!

Founder Daisaku Ikeda 10 October 2009