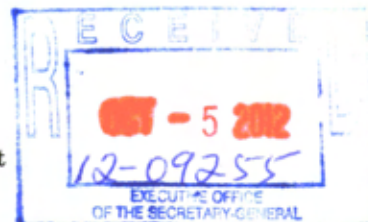


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Dear Honorable Ban Ki-moon, United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs,

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First and foremost, we would like to express our deep appreciation for your daily efforts you make to shoulder the responsibility to world peace through your activities with the United Nations. We wrote this letter to inform the three programs we hold at the 42nd Soka University Festival which is held at October 7th and 8th, and request for a message to these programs. Each meeting will be discussed about Okinawa restoration and Abolition of Nuclear Bomb, dialog between Dr. Arnold J. Toynbee and Daisaku Ikeda, and diplomatic relationship of China and Japan. Daisaku Ikeda, Soka University's founder, has received the United Nations Peace Award and has had dialogs with former undersecretary generals of the United Nations. As Soka University students, we vow to become global citizens ourselves who follow our founder's expectation and contribute to world peace, and work together with the United Nation, which we believe has the important mission for world peace.

The first symposium we would like to notify is "Symposium of Peace", which will be discussed about the Pacific War and its baleful effect to Japan. As our strong motivation to hold this symposium, there are two significant commemorative events this year: the 40th anniversary of the restoration of Okinawa prefecture to Japan, and the 55th anniversary of Antinuclear Declaration declared by the second president of Soka Gakkai, Josei Toda, content which Daisaku Ikeda has replied in numbers of peace proposals to United Nation. We will hold this symposium as a first step toward abolition of nuclear weapon, and strongly expect the youth to vow to fight against war.

Symposium of Peace

Date: Sunday October 7, 2012

Place: S201 Lecture Hall, Soka University, Japan

In addition, we will set up an exhibition about the dialogs between Dr. Arnold J. Toynbee and Daisaku Ikeda. This dialog started with just simply one letter sent from Toynbee to Ikeda, in which he cries "We have to discuss basic difficulties which humanity will face." Toynbee, famous historian, and Daisaku Ikeda, ordinary Buddhist leader, discussed modern social problems from multi-varied view.

Exhibition of Toynbee and Daisaku Ikeda Dialog

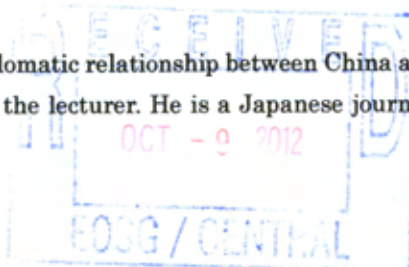
Date: Sunday, October 7, 2012 and Monday, October 8, 2012

Place: Third Floor, Student Hall, SOKA University, Japan

Furthermore, we will hold a lecture about diplomatic relationship between China and Japan. We have the fortune to welcome Kazuteru Saionji as the lecturer. He is a Japanese journalist who

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researches about diplomatic relation between Japan and China, and we will concern about eternal friendship in level of grass roots. This year is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the restoration of diplomatic relation between Japan and China. Moreover, it is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of proposal of restoration of diplomatic relationship between Japan and China declared by Daisaku Ikeda. Coming to current situation, we feel the urgent need to spread Ikeda's contribution to China and Japan, and his philosophy for world peace. Ikeda has visited to China 10 times with the conviction that there is no world peace without friendship between Japan and China. We strongly believe this lecture will be a great chance for the attendances to reconsider among the two nations' eternal relationship.

Lecture of ties between China and Japan  
Date: Monday October 8, 2012  
Place: S201 Lecture Hall, SOKA University, Japan

We humbly inquire if you could possibly send us a message to commemorate these programs and our university festival. We are aware that you certainly have other important demands which your immediate attendance needed, but as fellow agents of peace, we hope you can find empathy in our cause. If you do not mind, we look forward to receive a message or email toward these programs.

Yours sincerely,

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