



## ~ Soka Art Exhibition~

Soka Art Exhibition has been held on the suggestion of the founder, Daisaku Ikeda. This is the exhibition, which all the students of Soka education can participate. The works are categorized into 4 sections; 1.Fine Arts(Painting & 3D art, 2. Choreography, 3.Photographs, 4. Flower arrangement. The entry to the exhibition is applicable for all the students of Soka University, Soka Women's College, the graduate school and the distance learning students. Please come to [the Explanatory Session for the public offering] for further explanation. The schedule is following above.

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# What is Soka Art Exhibition

#### [Soka Art Exhibition]

Soka Art Exhibition has been held every year at Ikeda Auditorium during the Sodai Festival and the Swan Festival. All works are of students of Soka education. This is the only event that has been inherited today out of all events our founder, Dr. Ikeda had suggested. Various arts such as choreography, flower arrangement, painting, crafts, and photographs are exhibited, and we have many visitors every year.



### [Origin]

June 3rd 1990, at the 6th Dream Festival at Kansai Soka Elementary School, our founder, Dr. Ikeda suggested holding the

art exhibition of Soka Education as he appreciated paintings created by the students.

Responding to his suggestion, in November at the same year, the first Soka Art Exhibition was held containing the meaning for the 20th anniversary of Soka University successfully in the Swan gym of Soka Women's College.

At the exhibition, a lot of works created by students of Soka University, Soka Women's College, Tokyo and Kansai Soka Gakuen (elementary, junior high, and high schools). Their creations were displayed prosperously separated into different sections including painting, craft, choreography, photograph, and flower arrangement.

At the first exhibition, our founder gave a further suggestion; "That's marvellous. We should hold the travelling exhibitions. It has come to the time when we aim for arts and culture more than ever. Their works are excellent, and I believe they have talents on their own. I'd like to show their great works to the world. You have done well. Let's hold the exhibition again next year." Since then, Soka Art Exhibition has been held.



#### [Overseas Exhibition]

As we received the founder's suggestion, in December 1998, Soka Art Exhibition was held at Jeju National University in Korea as the first time exhibition held in overseas. More than 5,000 people all over the cities visited the exhibition, and it gathered attention as reported by the local newspapers, radios and TV shows. Among students who appreciated the works there, some expressed their impression saying "The exhibition changed my negative perceptions towards Japanese people, and my prejudice went away. "From the bottom of my heart, I felt that we are all the same human beings," Such voices remarked the great success of the first exhibition in overseas. Afterword, in 2001, the second exhibition was held at Hong Kong Soka kindergarten.

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