

## Soka Schools Alumni Gather in Tokyo

SGI President Ikeda attended the Soka Schools Alumni Gathering, Nov. 3, at Soka University in Tokyo. The SGI president reminded the Soka graduates that Tsunesaburo Makiguchi, the first Soka Gakkai president and architect of Soka education, was incarcerated for denouncing Japanese militarism. Makiguchi died in prison on Nov. 18, 1944. The second Soka Gakkai president, Josei Toda, also imprisoned, was enraged when he learned that only a handful of Mr. Makiguchi's disciples had the courage to attend their mentor's funeral. Toda condemned them as counterfeit disciples, President Ikeda said, and resolved to dedicate his life to justice. Also at the alumni meeting, President Choue Chungwon of South Korea's Kyung Hee University was bestowed an honorary doctorate. Dr. Choue's father, Dr. Choue Young Seek, Kyung Hee's founder, received in October the Global Citizen Award from the Boston Research Center for the 21st Century.

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