Establishment of SSA-Ikeda Peace Award

Partnership between Singapore Management University and Singapore Soka Association

On March 15, the some 1,300 audience gathered for the 50th Anniversary of March 16 Commemorative Meeting at the Ikeda Culture Auditorium witnessed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Singapore Management University (SMU) and Singapore Soka Association (SSA) on the SSA-Ikeda Peace Award.

The Memorandum was signed by Ms Sharon Tan, Director of Office of Advancement and Alumni of SMU (pix right) and SSA Chairman Ong Bon Chai. This annual award will be given in recognition to a student who has achieved or made significant contributions beyond academic studies, to the university or the community at large through partnering Volunteer Welfare Organisations (VWO) approved by Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS). It will be launched in SMU’s new academic year commencing this August.

Through the various collaborations between the SMU and SSA since 2005, much rapport and trust has thus far been established between the two organisations. As such, the invitation from SMU for SSA to establish the SSA-Ikeda Peace Award within the SMU comes in recognition of SSA’s invaluable contribution to SMU and to society at large.

SMU sees this partnership as a means to develop outstanding young adults, build characters, and shape global leaders and visionary youth protagonists for the future. Through this award, both organisations hope that students will be encouraged to put classroom learning into practice, apply the soft skills necessary to become effective, creative and flexible leaders for the 21st Century and most importantly, gain a sense of social responsibility. The SSA-Ikeda Peace Award recipient will be selected by a committee that comprises of senior members of SMU; and in consultation with SSA.