



Introduction of the Soka Bodhi Tree Garden

The Soka Bodhi Tree Garden (SBTG) lies 60 km southwest of New Delhi, off the Jaipur highway, in the state of Haryana. This garden, spread over nearly 170 acres, was officially opened on 12 September 1993. Since its opening, almost one lakh people have visited the garden, which is reminiscent of the verdant Jetavana Grove described in the Lotus Sutra.

Bodhi Trees at SBTG

Since its opening, 4,000 Bodhi trees have been planted in the SBTG. Of the 4,000 Bodhi trees in the garden, nearly 1,700 Bodhi trees have been named by Ikeda Sensei.

Amongst these, there are Bodhi Trees of the three eternal mentors of Soka Gakkai, i.e., Tsunesaburo Makiguchi, Josei Toda and Daisaku Ikeda. Bodhi trees have also been planted in separate areas for all the states of India, all the prefectures of Japan, various SGI countries of the world; for important events, in memory of dignitaries from round the world with whom Ikeda Sensei promoted his friendships and others such as Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore etc.

World Peace Monument

On 16 January 2011, the World Peace Monument was unveiled at SBTG. The 12-ton monument made of Himalayan Blue granite stone has the Japanese calligraphy 'Monument of World Peace' in President Ikeda's handwriting along with his signature engraved on one side and the World Peace Declaration poem by him on the other side. A white granite pillar, 14 feet high, stand next to the monument.

Toyo-Kofu Monument

On 25 November 2015, Soka Gakkai President Minoru Harada together with the SGI Youth Delegation and over 200 BSG members commemorated the eternal vow of mentor and disciple at the Tree of Toyo-kofu Monument planting ceremony at Soka Bodhi Tree Garden.

President Harada said, "The Toyo-kofu monument is the prime and starting point of the shared vow between mentor and disciples for worldwide kosen-rufu". The transfer of this monument to the Soka Bodhi Tree Garden is, he said, "a historic turning point proclaiming the new era of Kosen Rufu". He urged that "each one of us gathered here today must deeply pledge to begin a fresh struggle of mentor and disciple, just as Ikeda Sensei did when he buried the monument in Bodhgaya, and strive onwards towards the further expansion of kosen-rufu."