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Founded by Daisaku Ikeda in 1971, SOKA University is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Since its opening, SOKA University has been significantly advancing on various fields and has been putting special efforts on improving Russian language education and cultural exchange. As for today, over 500 students from SOKA University and 12 universities in Russia including Moscow State University, Far Eastern Federal University, and People's Friendship University of Russia and among others have contributed to fostering friendship between both countries and solidifying mutual understanding through academic exchange programs. In recognition to these achievements, SOKA University received rank S in the mid-term evaluation for the Top Global University Project, the highest grade.

SOKA University opened its Russian Center, the first among Japanese universities. In addition, SOKA University and Moscow State University have a history of over 45 years on student exchange, fostering many students from both countries to become active on the world stage, including Ambassador Mikhail Galuzin, the Russian Federation Ambassador to Japan.



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