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Your Excellency:

I hope this letter finds Your Excellency in the best of health and that Your Excellency welcomed a new year full of happiness.

Representing the entire faculty and staff of Soka University, I had the great honor and pleasure of meeting Your Excellency during Your Excellency's visit to Japan last year. I am very glad to hear that Your Excellency's meeting with Mr. Daisaku Ikeda, founder of Soka University and president of Soka Gakkai International (SGI), was felicitous and meaningful.

As I informed Your Excellency during our meeting last year, Soka University's Committee for Conferring Honorary Degrees, upon Mr. Ikeda's recommendation, agreed unanimously at its meeting of October 23, 1992, to President of the Republic of Chile. The Committee is deeply aware of Your Excellency's contribution to world peace and Your Excellency's various activities as a statesman and leader of a democracy. The Committee is also cognizant of the fact that Your Excellency has raised capable people by supporting and developing institutions of higher learning, among other things. On behalf of Soka University, I request most respectfully that Your Excellency be so kind as to accept an Honorary Doctorate of Soka University.

I realize that Your Excellency's busy schedule makes it unlikely that the bestowal of the doctorate could take place at an Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony at Soka University itself. In view of the fact, however, that I, as a representative of Soka University, will be a member of the delegation accompanying Mr. Ikeda on his visit to



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Chile at the end of February, the Committee for Conferring Honorary Degrees has entrusted me with the right to confer the doctorate upon Your Excellency away from Soka University. We would appreciate it if the conferment ceremony could be included in Your Excellency's schedule on the occasion of Your Excellency's meeting with Mr. Ikeda.

By bestowing an honorary doctorate upon Your Excellency, we believe that we can contribute to the promotion and development of academic exchanges between institutions of higher learning in Chile and Soka University as well as other institutions of higher learning in Japan and to the advancement of friendship between our two countries. I look forward to seeing Your Excellency again.

I would like to express the genuinely deep esteem in which I personally hold Your Excellency and to convey a similar feeling on behalf of the entire faculty, staff, and student body of Soka University.

Sincerely yours,

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