

SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARDS 2005
COMMUNITY AND YOUTH SERVICES (TEAM)

SINGAPORE SOKA ASSOCIATION (YOUTH DIVISION)



“As vibrant and committed youths, we really hope to make a difference in people’s lives, refusing to be idle spectators.”

To the Singapore Soka Association (SSA) Youth Division, the principle of value creation is paramount. Their mission is to live a value-creating life; to create value not only for individual gain but also for the greater good of the nation and the world at large.

The SSA Youth Division helps young people link with bigger issues in the world, looking beyond their individual selves. They realise that they will be able to make a difference, and contribute to society and humanity.



Since the Association’s inception in 1972, the organisation’s youth membership has grown to a current membership of 7,000 youths. The members, and their friends, see how voluntarism has brought change and improvement in themselves, and positive changes in society. This inspires them to further their voluntary activities.

The SSA Youth Division youth members are encouraged to not only volunteer with Soka, but with other organisations in their schools, workplaces and communities. Their selfless philosophy of value creation has also brought Soka into collaboration with other ethnic and faith-based organisations such as Perdaus, Mercy Relief and Yayasan

Mendaki, join in activities such as the Youth Expedition Projects to Cambodia, Indonesia and the Philippines, and in regular inter-faith dialogues with organisations such as the Inter-Religious Organisation and MUIS.

The SSA Youth Division also organises initiatives such as the annual Youth Peace Conference and the Youth Peace Festival. The Youth Peace Culture Festival provides the youth with performing opportunities. Members and volunteers take part in the National Day Parade as performers and support helpers. The Soka Youth Centre, launched in 2001 to foster youth leadership and service to community, allows youth activities to be held on a regular basis, reaching out to more than 4,000 young people.



Besides these, SSA Youth Division assists in hospice care and caring for the visually handicapped, in blood donation drives, and other community-based organisations.

For its commitment to encouraging volunteerism among youth and excellence in youth development, the Singapore Soka Association Youth Division is conferred the Singapore Youth Award (Team) 2005.