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President Yoshihisa Baba
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Dear President Baba,

On behalf of Georgia State University, I would like to commend and congratulate you, your faculty, your staff and your students on your 50th anniversary. This is a significant achievement and should be a source of pride for all of you.

Georgia State University's partnership with Soka University since 2011 stands out among our global relations as your institution consistently displays excellence in the field of international education and is committed to global initiatives for all members of your university community.

Soka University has been an invaluable partner institution for our University in student exchange initiatives for over ten years, and we look forward to continuing our productive and supportive relationship into the future. In the time that our institutions have been formal partners in student exchange, Georgia State University has sent dozens of students to your institution to further develop their educational, personal, and professional aptitudes. Our students, faculty, and staff have been continuously impressed with the high educational standards they experience at Soka University and the multiple opportunities your institution offers for cultural exchange and personal and professional growth.

It has also been our institution's pleasure and privilege to host students from Soka University, who have enriched our campus and greatly contributed to the mission of our University. Georgia State's scholarship and initiatives focus on advancing the frontiers of knowledge and solving the most challenging issues of our day. Our University works to provide an outstanding education and exceptional support for students from all backgrounds. The students we have hosted from your institution have been invaluable contributors to these goals. We look forward to the continued development of our partnership between our institutions during the next fifty years of your existence.

Best wishes for a successful commemoration of your 50th anniversary!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several stylized, overlapping loops and lines, likely representing the name 'Wolfgang Schlör'.

Dr. Wolfgang Schlör
Associate Provost for International Initiatives

cc: Toshikazu AKAISHIZAWA
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