2013 China Discovery Trip Raffle Rules

Soka University’s Rules Governing the 2013 China Discovery Trip Raffle (10 Day, 8 Night Ritz Tours China Discovery Trip for 2 to China with airfare provided by Air China from Los Angeles, CA.)

These official rules govern the conduct of the raffle. By purchasing a raffle ticket, you agree to be bound by these official rules and the decisions of Soka University which shall be final.

SPONSORS: The 10 Day, 8 night China Discovery Tour (visiting Beijing, Xian and Shanghai) is sponsored by Ritz Tours. Airfare is sponsored by Air China.

ELIGIBILITY: Raffle ticket buyers must be 18 years of age or older. The raffle is void where prohibited by law.

ENTRY: Drawing will take place on Main Stage of the 12th Annual International Festival on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at around 2:30 pm at the conclusion of the 12th Anniversary celebration. The winning ticket will be drawn by a member of the Aliso Viejo City Council. Raffle participants and prizewinners agree that Soka University of America will be able to use their name and/or likenesses for media purposes including but not limited to, television, radio, web/internet and print. The prizewinner’s name will be published on Soka University’s website (www.soka.edu/festival).

All proceeds from the China Discovery Trip Raffle will benefit the Soka University Scholarship Endowment.

The IRS has taken the position that amounts paid for chances in raffles, lotteries or similar drawings for valuable prizes are not gifts, and consequently do not qualify as deductible charitable contributions. EACH TICKET HOLDER, BY PURCHASING OR RECEIVING A TICKET AS A GIFT, ACKNOWLEDGES AND WARRANTS THAT HE/SHE HAS READ AND UNDERSTOOD THESE RULES, AND WILL BE BOUND BY THEM.

TICKET ORDERS: Tickets are $5.00 each, 6 for $25 or 30 for $100 and may be purchased from Soka University and its representatives. Only 10,000 tickets will be printed. You may buy as many tickets as you wish, subject to availability. To purchase tickets visit Soka University (Founders Hall 1st floor Reception Desk, 1 University Drive, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656) or download an order form from www.soka.edu/festival and mail it in with your check or money order. Make checks/money orders payable to Soka University. Soka University will reject any raffle ticket order if the check is rejected for any reason. Ticket receipt(s) will be emailed to the ticket purchaser and a printed ticket will be placed in a raffle drum for each ticket purchased.

REFUNDS: All raffle ticket sales are final. Tickets may not be changed, sold or transferred by the purchasing party or anyone else. No refunds will be made except under the following circumstances: any ticket order with payment received after the deadline of May 4, 2013 will be returned. No other refunds are available. Soka University assumes no responsibility for lost, late, misdirected or non-delivered mail, or any other failure to receive orders or deliver receipts prior to the drawing deadline. A raffle participant’s sole and exclusive remedy for Soka University’s breach shall be limited to the return of the purchase price paid for his or her raffle ticket(s). In no event shall Soka University, its directors, officers, employees, agents or representatives be liable to any party for any loss or injuries to earnings, profits or goodwill, or for any incidental, special, punitive or consequential damages of
any person or entity whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise, even if advised of the possibility of such damages.

**PRIZE:** Winner will be called by name and verified by matching the ticket with information in Soka University’s records including the ticket order form. Winner need not be present to win. Prize is subject to taxation in accordance with applicable law. If any winner cannot be located after reasonable attempts to do so by Soka University, or if any winner is deemed to be ineligible or does not otherwise claim his or her prize by 5:00 p.m. on the day that is 90 calendar days following the Grand Prize Drawing, such winner will be deemed to have forfeited his or her prize. Soka University, Ritz Tours, Air China and their directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives are not responsible for any injuries, losses or damages of any kind arising in connection with or as a result of a winner's acceptance or use of any prize. Each prize winner agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Soka University, Ritz Tours and Air China, their directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives harmless from any and all losses, damages, rights, claims and actions of any kind arising in connection with or as a result of such winner's acceptance or use of any prize. Soka University is not providing legal or tax advice to any contestant or winner, and all contestants and winners must consult professional legal and tax advisers prior to ticket purchase, and by purchasing a ticket acknowledge and warrants eligibility. Prize is not redeemable for cash. Travel arrangements must be made with Ritz Tours and must be completed by May 3, 2014. Specific itinerary and departure dates subject to availability. Prize includes round-trip economy-class airfare for two from Los Angeles, CA to Beijing, China, and domestic airfares within China in accordance with travel itinerary as per tour code RDX, China Discovery 10 Days/8 Nights (www.RitzTours.com). Any changes or additions to this route will incur additional cost and corresponding price differences are at the sole responsibility of the winner. Prize includes airfares, hotel accommodations, comprehensive guided tours, meals and entertainment in Beijing, Xian and Shanghai as per itinerary, taxes and fuel surcharges. Additional expenses, including but not limited to China tourist visa application fees, travel insurance, gratuities, meal expenses not included in published itinerary, and other personal expenses are at the sole responsibility of the winner. The prize will be deemed as null and void if it is transferred, re-sold or exchanged as a value in kind to third party by the prize winner. Acceptance of the prize by the winner will infer that there is a concurrence with the general terms and conditions of sales and reservation as published in www.RitzTours.com. Employees of Ritz Tours USA, Inc. and Air China are not eligible to participate in this raffle.