



## Jack W. Peltason Elected to Soka University's Board of Trustees



Jack W. Peltason, PhD, has been elected to the Soka University of America Board of Trustees.

Daniel Y. Habuki, PhD, president of Soka University, and Steve Dunham, chairman of the Board of Trustees, welcomed Dr. Peltason to the Board.

“We are deeply honored,” said Dr. Habuki, “that Dr. Peltason has agreed to share his wealth of experience, distinguished scholarship and leadership with our new four-year liberal arts college and masters program. Dr. Peltason, who is well-known in Orange County as President Emeritus of the University of California, Chancellor Emeritus of UCI and Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, will be a wonderful resource and inspiration as Soka University grows. SUA is now 4 ½ years old. We’ve just graduated our first class and received five-year accreditation by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC,) but we know that we are just at the beginning of our educational journey. We are grateful that Dr. Peltason will now be one of our guides and advisors.”

In his acceptance letter to Dunham, Dr. Peltason wrote, “With the extraordinary dedication of its leadership, SUA is rich with promise and opportunity. I look forward to working with you and other members of the Board to benefit SUA students and the community at large.”

Dr. Peltason also serves on the Boards of the Barclay Theatre, Kavli Foundation, Irvine Health Foundation and Archstone Foundation. He is chair of the Leadership Council for the UCI Center for the Study of Democracy and a past president of the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Peltason and his wife, Suzanne, reside in Irvine.

Soka University is a private, non-profit, four-year liberal arts college located on 103-acres overlooking Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park in south Aliso Viejo. SUA offers a 9:1 student/faculty ratio and an average class size of 16. Enrollment is currently about 400, expected to grow towards 800 by 2020. SUA’s mission is to foster a steady stream of global citizens committed to living a contributive life. The university offers a non-sectarian curriculum which has attracted students from more than 30 countries in its first four years. All students study a non-native language, and all students spend a semester during their junior year abroad in a country where the language they have studied is spoken. Soka University is founded upon the Buddhist principles of peace, human rights and the sanctity of life.

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