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Dear STARS Steering Committee:

Soka University of America is pleased to submit its second Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) report. I confirm that the reported data is complete, accurate and a fair representation of our current sustainability efforts and initiatives on campus.

With the guiding principle: “To foster leaders for the creative coexistence of nature and humanity,” Soka University of America recognizes sustainability as intrinsic to our mission and values. To foster such global citizens living a contributive life, we engage all members of our campus community to incorporate sustainable practices in all areas of university activity, including teaching, research, planning, operations, and student engagement. By utilizing specific measures of success and communicating our achievements, Soka University of America strives to become a role model for sustainable practices and progenitor of future leaders and advocates for sustainability.

I appreciate the efforts of Soka’s Campus Sustainability Committee, comprising of students, faculty and staff. The committee members have been working diligently to identify and re-assess the university’s resources and best practices in regard to the environment and sustainability. Soka University of America has achieved multiple sustainability initiatives. As previously mentioned in our initial submission, we have two gold LEED-certified buildings including our academic building, Maathai Hall, and the Soka Performing Arts Center. As we look to the future, construction on the new academic building and residential hall began earlier this academic year. We are committed to attaining gold LEED-certified status at the minimum.

Soka University of America will continue to encourage students, faculty, and staff to advocate for the changes necessary to improve the environmental sustainability of our campus. The STARS report will be a great tool to help us monitor our progress as our campus develops. Thank you for providing this excellent resource as well as the sustainability initiatives under AASHE’s leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny Habuki".

Danny Habuki
President, Soka University of America