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True Father Graduates from Waseda Technical High School (Japan Tokyo September 30, 1943)



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True Father studied overseas in Japan to prepare for the future providence. On March 31, 1941, True Father rode the Hikari Ho Train and left Seoul. On April 1st he then rode the Shokei Maru Ferry from Busan Harbor to Shimonoseki. He began classes at the Waseda Technical High School at the beginning of April. The building that True Father attended classes in was a part of the Nishiwaseda Campus of Waseda University and is still standing today, near building 14. True Father's classes were held in the 2nd Waseda Technical Engineering Institute building. His class used the Science and Engineering Department's facilities for experiments and practical exercises. Classes were mostly held in the evening from 6 pm to 9 pm.

True Father was expected to graduate in the spring of 1944, but due to the war, he graduated half a year early, on September 30, 1943, as a part of the 25th graduating class. At that time there were 1,320 students attending the Waseda Technical High School. Of the 580 students graduating, 125 were from the Engineering Department.

