

## **The worth of a State in the long run, is the worth of the individuals composing it. John Stuart Mill,**

(One of the most influential thinkers in the history of liberalism, he contributed widely to social theory, political theory and political economy)

The Government of a nation itself is usually found to be but the reflex of the individuals composing it. The government that is ahead of the people will inevitably be dragged down to their level, as the Government that is behind them will in the long run be dragged up. In the order of nature, the collective character of a nation will surely find its befitting results in its law and government, as water finds its own level. The noble people will be nobly ruled and the ignorant and corrupt, ignobly. Indeed all experience serves to prove that the worth and strength of a State depend far less upon the form of its institutions than upon the character of its men. For the nation is only an aggregate of individual conditions and civilizations itself is but a question of the personal improvement of the men, women and children of whom society is composed. Abstract from Book *Self-Help* from Samuel Smiles

The founder of Toyota, Sakichi Toyoda was significantly influenced by his reading of *Self-Help*. A copy *Self-Help* is under a glass display at the museum that exists on Sakichi Toyoda's birth place. This enabled him to start Toyoda Machinery Works which was before founding Toyota.

