

**'Creating Leaders for a Sustainable Society'**  
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## Diary of a Leader

### *Seven Inspiring Days*

#### **FRIDAY – HAVE A GOAL**

Think ahead. Visualize your future.  
Set your target. Design your strategy.  
Plan before you start.  
Be flexible in your tactics, but keep on track.  
Strive after your dreams, but stay realistic.

#### **SATURDAY – BE PROACTIVE**

Visualize the near future. Anticipate on what is coming.  
Be quicker than your opponent, be faster than your competitor.  
Don't be pushed to react.  
You are the leader, not the follower.

#### **SUNDAY – TAKE ACTION, TAKE RISKS**

Act and run risk. Calculate your risks, but keep moving.  
Failure may result. That's a part of the game.  
Learn from it. It adds to your experience.  
But never blame others, when you fail.  
Take your responsibility, that makes you stronger and a better leader.

#### **MONDAY – BE CRITICAL**

Explore and scrutinize arguments.  
Always ask: why? How come? Is it true?  
Distrust the 'automatic pilot' used in the past.  
Evaluate tradition.  
Be critical in a constructive way.

#### **TUESDAY – BE CREATIVE**

Leave the traditional path, step aside.  
You will find the flowers in a nearby field.  
Give room to the unexpected. Don't say: "Yes, but..."  
Free your mind. Think out of the box.  
Think lateral. Don't dig deeper, dig on another place.

#### **WEDNESDAY – BE DEMOCRATIC**

Listen carefully to your team, listen to your society.  
Absorb their opinions and viewpoints.  
But always keep in mind, that you have to take the decision.  
That you are the leader, and that it will be your decision.

#### **THURSDAY – SHARE YOUR POWER**

Don't keep the power with you.  
Share it and be transparent.  
Guard your integrity. Be consistent. A word is a word.  
Involve and committ your team, be it two or a 1000.  
In the end people wholeheartedly will accept you as their leader.