



### **Dr. Shiro Noguchi 1937 – 2018**

It is very sad to notify you of the passing of Dr. Shiro Noguchi, a member and our past President of the IAES. He died on June 23, 2018 in Beppu City, Japan after a long-term illness for more than 5 years. Funeral and memorial services for him were held on July 1 with many attendants from the fields of endocrine surgery, general surgery and local connections as well as patients who were treated by him.

He was a great surgeon and an excellent researcher in the field of thyroid surgery. In his early career progression, he was awarded a position at the Royal Infirmary of Scotland through the British Cancer Campaign in 1971. Thereafter, he moved to the Cleveland Clinic for a research fellowship under the mentorship of Dr. George Crile, Jr. for several years. He served as President of the IAES from 2001 to 2003. During his presidency, the 2003 International Surgical Week including the IAES meeting in Bangkok, Thailand was cancelled because of the SARS epidemic. Therefore, in collaboration with Secretary-Treasurer Göran Åckerström, he helped organize the Conference of the IAES in June 2004 in Uppsala, Sweden with great success. Dr. Shiro Noguchi was a grandson of the founder of Noguchi Thyroid Clinic, the first specialized hospital for thyroid diseases in Japan. He was the Director of the Clinic for 30 years. Analyzing and publishing the clinical data on huge number of patients with thyroid cancer treated at the Noguchi Clinic, he contributed extensively to our knowledge and understanding of thyroid cancer.

His footprints in endocrine surgery are huge and many. He will be missed but will not be forgotten. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time. May he rest in peace.