

October 6, 2020
FANUC CORPORATION

ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our founder and Honorary Chairman, Dr. Eng. Seiueemon Inaba, on October 2, 2020 (Fri), due to natural causes from old age.

We express our gratitude for the kindness you have extended towards him during his lifetime.

His funeral has been conducted in a private ceremony with close family members only, according to the wishes of the deceased's family. A "farewell gathering" will be held at a later date by the company, but details have not yet been decided.

Name : Seiueemon Inaba
Date of birth : March 5, 1925 (age at death, 95)

Main highlights:

September 1946 : Graduated from the Faculty of Engineering, The University of Tokyo
November 1946 : Joined FUJITSU LIMITED
July 1965 : Obtained Doctor of Engineering degree from Tokyo Institute of Technology
May 1972 : Executive Director of FUJITSU FANUC CORPORATION
(presently FANUC CORPORATION)
(Also Non-standing Director of FUJITSU LIMITED until June, 1997)
May 1975 : President and Chief Executive Officer of FANUC CORPORATION
June 1995 : Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of FANUC CORPORATION
June 2000 : Adviser and Honorary Chairman of FANUC CORPORATION
June 2005 : Honorary Chairman of FANUC CORPORATION

Awards:

1981 : Japan National Award "Medal with Purple Ribbon"
1985 : Commandeur de l'Ordre Grand-Ducal de la Couronne de Chêne du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg
1989 : Grand Officier de l'Ordre de Mérite du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg
1990 : Japan National Award "Medal with Blue Ribbon"
1995 : Japan National Award "The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Star"

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Words from Representative Director, Chairman

Yoshiharu Inaba, Doctor of Engineering

Our Honorary Chairman, Seiueemon Inaba, Doctor of Engineering, departed on his final journey on October 2 of this year, due to natural causes at the age of 95. He started the development of NCs at FUJITSU when he was 31 years old, and after becoming independent from FUJITSU in 1972, he built what was to become the present-day FANUC.

Implementing the terms, “Strict Preciseness” and “Transparency” as the basis of company management, he developed FANUC to become the world’s foremost NC and robot manufacturer. Those whom he left behind are committed to doing our best to follow in his footsteps to advance FANUC even further, in order to contribute to the growth of the world’s manufacturing industry.

I sincerely would like to thank you for the generous support you have presented to our Honorary Chairman which has enriched his life.

Words from Representative Director, President and CEO

Kenji Yamaguchi

I am deeply grateful for the warmth and kindness that was offered to Seiueemon Inaba, Doctor of Engineering, Honorary Chairman of FANUC, from our customers and many others, throughout his life.

I myself received direct guidance from him for a little more than ten years, and through our interaction, he introduced me to the way of thinking and approaches that are unique to a founder, which was a rare experience that I truly treasure.

Honorary Chairman Inaba’s aspirations shall be carried on into the future, and as “one FANUC,” all members of the FANUC Group will endeavor to provide indispensable value to factories throughout the world through incessant technological innovations, and to continue to be a company that is trusted by all of our stakeholders.