

## **Dr Sueo Machi (1934-2015)**



It was with great sorrow that we received the news that our friend and colleague, member of the Editorial Board of “Nukleonika”, Dr Sueo Machi passed away on the August 15th 2015. Sueo was born on January 15th 1934. He studied at the University of Tokyo, where he received his PhD in Chemical Engineering in 1967.

In the years 1988–1991 Sueo was Director General, Takasaki Radiation Chemistry Research Establishment, Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute where he established the top institution working on radiation applications.

He later served as Head, Section of Industrial Application and Chemistry, International Atomic Energy Agency (1980 and 1983). In 1991 Sueo was appointed Deputy Director General at the IAEA, a post he held until 2000. After leaving the IAEA Sueo returned to Japan where he held several very important posts. Between 2001 and 2003 he was a Councilor of Atomic Energy Commission and between 2004 and 2007 Commissioner at the Atomic Energy Commission of Japan. Between 2007 and 2011 he was Advisor to Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science and Technology (MEXT). Sueo was professionally active throughout his life, serving, since 2000 as Coordinator of Japan, Forum for Nuclear Cooperation in Asia (FNCA) as well as being a Fellow of Japan Atomic Energy Agency. For his achievements was awarded with Medal with Purple Ribbon from Government of Japan and The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon. He was a honorary member of Polish Nuclear Society. In 1997 Sueo received a Life-time Achievement Award granted by International Irradiation Association at International Meeting on Radiation Processing.

We will miss him as a great scientist and a leader acting with vision of the future and with enthusiasm for technological development without borders between people of all nations.

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