

Press Information

About the Passing of Kazuo Inamori, Founder and Chairman Emeritus of KYOCERA Corporation

Kyoto/London, 30. August 2022. Kazuo Inamori, Founder and Chairman Emeritus of KYOCERA Corporation, passed away at home in Kyoto, Japan, on August 24, 2022, due to natural causes. Kazuo Inamori was also an honorary Adviser to KDDI Corporation and Japan Airlines Co., Ltd., and Founder of the Inamori Foundation.

Kyocera expresses its sincere appreciation to everyone who extended support and friendship toward Dr. Inamori throughout his lifetime. A private wake and funeral have been held, mainly among close family members, and this announcement was made after the completion of memorial services.

Please note that Dr. Inamori's family respectfully requests mourners refrain from making condolatory visits, telegrams of sympathy, offers of condolence money, funeral offerings, etc. We sincerely appreciate your kind understanding regarding these arrangements.

An official company memorial service is planned to be held at a later date.

NOTICE

Name of deceased:	Kazuo Inamori
Date of birth:	January 30, 1932 (Age 90)
Place of birth:	Kagoshima City, Kagoshima Prefecture, Japan
Date of passing:	8:25 am, August 24, 2022
Cause of death:	Natural causes

About Kazuo Inamori

Kazuo Inamori was born in Kagoshima, Japan, in 1932.

He graduated from Kagoshima University in 1955 with a Bachelor of Engineering degree and joined Shofu Industries, an insulator manufacturing company in Kyoto.

Kyocera

In April 1959, he established Kyoto Ceramic Co., Ltd. (now KYOCERA Corporation) with a 3-million yen investment from acquaintances. He served as President and Chairman of the



company until 1997 when he assumed the title of Founder and Chairman Emeritus.

KDDI Corporation

When Japan's telecommunications industry was deregulated in 1984, Inamori quickly took the initiative to establish DDI Corporation and became the company's Chairman. In October 2000, DDI merged with KDD and IDO to become KDDI Corporation. Inamori served as KDDI's Chairman Emeritus and was named Honorary Adviser in June 2001.

Japan Airlines

In February 2010, Inamori became Chairman of Japan Airlines ("JAL," now Japan Airlines Co., Ltd.) in order to rebuild the company's operations after bankruptcy. After serving as Representative Director and Chairman, he became Chairman Emeritus in February 2012 and Honorary Adviser in April 2015.

Inamori Foundation

In 1984, Inamori made a personal endowment to establish the non-profit Inamori Foundation and served as the foundation's President until June 2019, after which his title was changed to Founder. At the same time, he created the Kyoto Prize, an international award presented by the Inamori Foundation each November to recognize individuals and groups worldwide who have made outstanding contributions to the betterment of the global community and humankind.

Additional Engagements

He also held several posts outside of the business world, including Honorary Chairman of the Kyoto Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Foreign Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences; Trustee Emeritus of the Carnegie Institution of Washington; and Foreign Associate of the National Academy of Engineering in the United States.

His volunteer service also included leading Seiwajyuku, a private management school that operated in 104 locations worldwide (including 48 outside of Japan). As Principal of Seiwajyuku, Inamori taught his management philosophy to approximately 15,000 business owners and entrepreneurs worldwide from 1983 until 2019.

For more information on Kazuo Inamori

Official Website of Kazuo Inamori: <https://global.kyocera.com/inamori/>



For more information on Kyocera: www.kyocera.co.uk

About Kyocera

Headquartered in Kyoto, Japan, KYOCERA Corporation is one of the world's leading manufacturers of fine ceramic components for the technology industry. The strategically important divisions in the KYOCERA Group, which is comprised of 298 subsidiaries (as of March 31, 2022), are information and communications technologies, products which increase quality of life, and environmentally friendly products. The technology group is also one of the most experienced producers of smart energy systems worldwide, with more than 45 years of know-how in the industry. The company is ranked #603 on Forbes magazine's 2021 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies.

With a global workforce of over 83,000 employees, Kyocera posted sales revenue of approximately €13,42 billion in fiscal year 2021/2022. The products marketed by the company in Europe include printers, digital copying systems, semiconductor-, fine ceramic-, automotive- and electronic components as well as printing devices and ceramic kitchen products. The KYOCERA Group has two independent companies in the United Kingdom: KYOCERA Fineceramics Ltd. and KYOCERA Document Solutions Ltd.

The company also takes an active interest in cultural affairs. The Kyoto Prize, a prominent international award, is presented each year by the Inamori Foundation — established by Kyocera founder Dr. Kazuo Inamori — to individuals worldwide who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of humankind (approximately €710,000* per prize category).

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