

“ILC Father”, Mr. Shigeo Morioka passed away on June 4, 2018

It is with our deepest sorrow to inform you that on June 4, 2018, Mr. Morioka passed away due to old age, at 96. He co-founded ILC with Dr. Butler and had been a good friend for all of us as the honorary president of ILC-GA.

He had been well until a week before the death, living independently at home. He indeed embodied the productive life until the end.

Mr. Morioka supported Dr. Butler’s vision for ILC and co-founded the organization in 1990 in Japan and the United States. He had dedicated himself to realizing productive aging for 30 years with his great influence while involving the industrial, government and academic sectors.

Since he was also an industrial leader, as CEO of Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical Company (current Astellas Pharma Inc.), he always had wide networks across the globe, calm and deep decision-making skills, as well as a broad knowledge of gerontology. At the same time, he was also a gentleman, humorous, and trusted and loved by so many people.

Two weeks before his death at our business meeting, he was looking back on these 30 years, expressing his great joy over and over: “It’s wonderful that ILC has grown this big and built its global presence. And now, it is playing a significant role in our society. I would like to continue to provide further support.”

He truly set an example of productive aging.

Mr. Morioka’s wish was for the ILC Global Alliance to work together so that we could contribute to our society while working on better research and educational activities.

We will continue our work to build a society where older people can play active roles, as Mr. Morioka wished.

That would be the best way to pay tribute to Mr. Morioka, the founding father of ILC.

Sincerely,

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