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Obituary Notice – Passing of Chairman Yukihiro Inoue

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support of, and cooperation with, our guide dog training programme. It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Mr Yukihiro Inoue, Chairman of our Association, on 1 July 2026.

Since assuming the role of President in September 2003, the late Mr Inoue devoted many years to advancing our guide dog training programme and promoting the independence and social participation of people with visual impairments. He served as President until June 2024 and subsequently as Chairman from June 2024 onwards. We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the kindness he showed us throughout his life and respectfully announce his passing.

Following Chairman Inoue's passing, all officers and staff of the Association extend their deepest condolences and offer their sincere gratitude for his many achievements. We hereby share the Association's statement in his memory.

Association Statement

The news of Chairman Inoue's passing has left us in profound shock and sadness. His departure was so sudden that it remains difficult to comprehend.

Since assuming the presidency in 2003, Chairman Inoue guided the Association through a period of significant development. Our present standing is due entirely to his dedicated efforts, steadfast leadership and wise counsel, and we pay our deepest respects to his accomplishments.

We will continue to cherish and carry forward the many legacies that Chairman Inoue established, devoting ourselves wholeheartedly to activities that contribute to society. We believe this is the most fitting way to honour his memory and express our gratitude.

We take this opportunity to convey our sincere appreciation for the kindness he extended to us during his lifetime and to offer our heartfelt condolences.

Japan Guide Dog Association