



Lifetime Achievement Award 2020

Prof. Takashi Inoguchi

Professor Takashi Inoguchi is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Tokyo and, currently, is an eminent scholar and Professor of Political Science at J. F. Oberlin University, Tokyo. Prof. Inoguchi holds a PhD in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Over the years his various academic positions included teaching in Sophia University, Chuo University, Universities of Singapore, Delhi, Gadjah Mada, Seoul National, Australian National, SciencesPo and Aarhus apart from visiting fellowships at Harvard, Johns Hopkins and UC Berkeley. He has also been Director of the Asia-Barometer Survey since 2002 making him the only scholar who has carried out surveys in all 32 Asian countries west of the Middle East.

Prof. Inoguchi also has served as a member of the Peace and Security Committee of the United States Social Science Research Council, International Committee of Peace Research, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and also happens to be a Global Council member of the Asia Society apart from being a Senior Vice-Rector of the United Nations University, Tokyo. He has also published over 150 books and several articles, including *American Democracy Promotion* (Oxford University Press), *The Political Economy of Japan* (Stanford University Press), *The Changing Nature of Democracy* (United Nations University Press) and *Political Cultures in Asia and Europe*.

Dr. Inoguchi is a member of the Science Council of Japan. As the Director of the Asia - Barometer Project he has executed large scale random sampled nation-wide surveys in almost all the Asian countries and societies focusing on quality of life and well-being with 60 thousand respondents and well over 6 million observations. He has also been the founding editor of three journals: *Japanese Journal of Political Science* (Cambridge University Press), *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* (Oxford University Press), and *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics* (SAGE Publications).

Dr. Inoguchi is widely known for his prolific work in Japan, international affairs, comparative politics, and quality of life in Asia west of the Middle East. Dr. Inoguchi celebrates a career that has allowed him to impact the field of public opinion research. His recent authored and co-authored publications include “Exit, Voice and Loyalty in Asia:

Individual Choice under 32 Asian Societal Umbrellas,” and “Trust with Asian Characteristics: Interpersonal and Institutional”.

The ISQOLS has established the “Takashi Inoguchi Endowed Track on Quality of Life and Well-Being in East Asia” award in his name. With having almost 5 decades of professional experience in political science, public opinion research and academics, Dr. Inoguchi has certainly proven himself as an extraordinary professional with dynamic, results-driven proven leadership.

Prof. Inoguchi, or simply Takashi to all the WAPOR friends, has been an active associate at every conference and meeting, with his disarming smile and unassuming interventions. His track record spanning over five decades speaks volumes about his professional integrity and academic excellence. He is a graceful host, a fact which most of WAPOR Asia family members would testify by virtue of our meetings in Japan. He has been an avid traveller and entertaining educator.

It is our privilege and honour to bestow the WAPOR Asia Lifetime Achievement Award 2020 to Prof. Takashi Inoguchi, for being a brand ambassador not just for the public opinion research in Japan, for also for the Asian value and ethos, that we all share and cherish.