

Shigeyoshi MATSUMAE

Biography

Dr. Shigeyoshi MATSUMAE was born 1901 in Kumamoto Prefecture, Japan. He graduated from the Electrical Engineering Department of Kumamoto Higher Technical School (present Faculty of Engineering, Kumamoto University) in 1922. After he was graduated from the Electrical Engineering Department, School of Engineering of Tohoku Imperial University (present Tohoku University) in 1925, he joined the Ministry of Communications. Dr. MATSUMAE received the Asano Prize from the Institute of Electrical Engineers of Japan for his studies on the long distance non-loaded cable carrier communication system in 1935. He earned his doctorate in engineering from Tohoku Imperial University in 1937. Dr. MATSUMAE started the Aerial Science College in 1943 (Tokai University under the old education system in 1946). He was drafted into the army as a second class private as a result of the emergency call-up and sent to the southern front of military operations in 1944 and discharged from the army in 1945. He served as Minister of Communications from 1945 to 1946. In 1952, Dr. MATSUMAE was appointed Chair and Chancellor of Tokai University and served as Chair until 1991 and as Chancellor until 1967. In 1952, he was also elected to the Lower House of the Japanese Parliament and served six terms until 1969. He became President of Tokai University Educational System in 1967 and served until 1991. He established MATSUMAE International Foundation (MIF) in 1979 (First Chair of MIF).

Dr. MATSUMAE served as Chairman of Tokyo Metropolitan Area University Baseball League; Chairman of Japan Cultural Association; Chairman of the Japan Institute of Scandinavian Studies; Representative Director and chairman of Tokyo FM Broadcasting Co., Ltd.; Chairman of Nippon Budokan Foundation; Chairman of International Judo Federation; Board Chairperson/President of International Budo University; and Chairman of All Japan University Judo Federation. Dr. Shigeyoshi MATSUMAE passed away in 1991.

Honors

First Class Order of the Sacred Treasure and First Class Order of the Rising Sun (Japan) / Bulgarian Order of the Madarsky Konnik (first class), Laureate of The Dimitrov Prize, and Medal "1300 Anniversary of Bulgaria" (Republic of Bulgaria) / Order of the Dannebrog (first class) (Kingdom of Denmark) / Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland (Poland) / Order of Friendship of Peoples (Soviet Union) / Pro Cultura Hungarica (Order of Cultural Merit of Hungary) and Order of the Flag of the

People's Republic of Hungary (Hungary) / Royal Order of the Polar Star of Sweden (Kingdom of Sweden) / Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand (first class) (Kingdom of Thailand) / Order of the Star of Friendship of Nations of German Democratic Republic (gold star) (East Germany) / Merit Award in Gold of the province of Vienna (first class) and Grand Decoration of Honour in Gold with Star for Services to the Republic of Austria (Austria)