

Memories of Great Chairman Mr. Minoru Shikita

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On behalf of the ACPF, Asia Crime Prevention Foundation, I would like to express deep appreciation and gratitude to all the people attending here, specifically Mr. Senta, Director of UNAFEI, Mr. Eduardo Veter and many UNODC officials who have made great effort and cooperation to bring this commemorating Mr. Minoru Shikita, Great Chairman of the ACPF.

Let me begin with one of most impressive phrases of Mr. Shikita, that is, Three Principles on International Cooperation:

Get Sweat, Give Idea, Give and/or Get Donation.

Needless to say, "Give Sweat" means work harder and do it yourself first. Nothing comes from nothing. Nothing ever could. Even if you cannot do it physically, then you can contribute by giving a new idea to overcome difficulties facing you or by taking different approach to solve problems or issues. The last one meant even if your idea were good, you could not do anything without finance. That reminded me of something like the famous phrase "Justice without force is powerless." by Braise Pascal.

Mr. Shikita was an idealist as well as a realist

I first met Chairman Shikita in 1995 when I joined UNAFEI as a faculty member. I learned that UNAFEI programs were financed by the MOJ Japan, but after the establishment of JICA dealing Official Development Assistance (ODA) in 1974, UNAFEI programs became one of JICA programs financially. This is one of important decisions for UNAFEI activities to continue to date. In addition to Mr. Shikita's effort for the amendment of the agreement of the UN and Japanese Government for UNAFEI as mentioned by Mr. Senta, these are good example of the Tree principles.

Moreover, he proposed so-called country-focused international training course for China to UNAFEI in the first year when he became Chairman of the ACPF in 1995. Until then, UNAFEI conducted only multi-lateral courses in which some

ten countries jointly participated. With the cooperation of JICA, new type training courses for other specific countries are organized until now.

I would like to say that Mr. Shikita was meant to get involved in International field. He joined the prosecution service in Japan in April 1956, the year when Japan was admitted to the United Nations on 18 December 1956. If allow me to introduce myself, I was born three days after of the admission.

And, he was the first person who served UNAFEI as professor, Deputy Director, and Director. But, he always got involved in UN activities and international cooperation even while he was transferred to public prosecutors offices which basically deal with domestic matters.

During his Chairmanship of our organization, ACPF International Conferences were organized in various countries in the Asia-Pacific Region from 1992 to 2008, which totaled 12 times.

I believe there would be no one who wants to attend the coming 14th UN Crime Congress in Kyoto in 2020 more than he wanted. The present ACPF cannot organize such a big international conference due to difficulties in terms of finance and human resources. Of course, the biggest reason is the lack of Mr. Shiita. However we would like to make every effort for the success of the Kyoto Crime Congress because that is the best way to comfort his soul.

Now, let us see Slide Show commemorating our Great Chairman, Minoru Shikita, you will find his various activities mainly in Japan and his smiles.

Thank you for your attention.