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Press release

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Notice of Honorary Chairman Mr. Akira Murata Passing Away

Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Founder, Honorary Chairman, Mr. Akira Murata passed away at 9:20 a.m., February 3 at the Kyoto Second Redcross Hospital.

A private funeral service has been held by bereaved family members. The company funeral service is also scheduled to be held and details will be announced later.

Biography:

In 1944, founded Murata Manufacturing Co., in Kyoto.

In 1950, founded Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd. and assumed the position of President/Statutory Representative Director

In 1991, assumed the position of Chairman/Statutory Representative Director

In 1995, assumed the position of Honorary Chairman

Awards:

In 1980, be honored with the Medal with Blue Ribbon of Japan *(Ranju Hosho)* In 1986, be honored with the the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany First Class *(Bundesverdienstkreuz Erster Klasse)* In 1993, be honored with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Star of Japan *(Kun-ni-to Zuihosho)*