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Message of condolence for Dr. Norihito Tambo (Professor Emeritus, Hokkaido University, Japan; IWA Past President)

On behalf of the International Water Association, we extend our deepest condolences following the sad news of the loss of our most respected friend and colleague Professor Norihito Tambo.

Professor Tambo was a thought leader in the water sector in Japan and globally. IWA was fortunate to benefit from the support, wisdom and insight he provided over many years. In particular, Professor Tambo played a key role in the merger of the International Association on Water Quality and the International Water Services Association to form IWA in 1999. During this period, he was Vice President of IWSA and then IWA, serving as IWA President from 2001 to 2003. His leadership, and the authority and integrity he brought, helped shape the direction of the organisation at this important time.

Professor Tambo embodied the essence of IWA in his humanity and selflessness, and through being a mentor and an inspiration to many around the globe.

Professor Tambo's passing is a great loss to the world, and IWA shares that loss.

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