

In Memoriam: DR. Shigetaka Asano

On behalf of APBMT, it is with great sadness that we mark the recent passing of Dr. Shigetaka Asano, Emeritus Member of APBMT, and Professor Emeritus of University of Tokyo, Japan. He passed away on August 12, 2020, and APBMT expresses sincere condolences to his family and colleagues.



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Dr. Asano was one of the founding members of APBMT which initiated its activity in 1991. Through his pioneering work in introducing granulocytes-colony stimulating factors into clinical practice, and establishing cord blood transplantation/its banking network, he contributed significantly in promoting the activity of hematopoietic cell transplantation (HCT) in Asia-Pacific countries and regions, and successfully unified many HCT-related scientists.

There is an old saying that many drops of water make an ocean, and we believe that Dr. Asano is one of the first few but so powerful drops that are now growing up to the big stream of APBMT. Currently HCT is actively performed in all APBMT participating countries/regions, and APBMT is now recognized as one of the well-established HCT societies in the world. We will never forget his great contributions to our Society.

His existence encouraged and also relieved the participants in each annual meeting of APBMT. We all miss him a lot, but we are also sure that he would want all of us to honor his memory by dedicating ourselves to perfecting this treatment in the very near future.

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