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## Press Release

It is with deep regret that the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea announces the death of Judge Soji Yamamoto on 19 September 2013. Judge Yamamoto was a Member of the Tribunal from 1996 until 2005.

Prior to his election as judge of the Tribunal, Judge Yamamoto held chairs in international law at, *inter alia*, Seikei University (1967-1976) and Tohoku University (1976-1988). He was a respected international lawyer and a member of the Japanese Society of International Law, of which he served as president from 1988 to 1991, and acted as Adviser and Special Adviser for his country on various occasions, including at the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (1976-1979 and 1986).

Judge Yamamoto published widely on public international law, the law of international organizations, international environmental law, international telecommunications and international criminal law.

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