

Testimonials in Honour & Enduring Memory of

Mr. Katsuhiko Kotari

(1916 – 2011)

From Dr. Freezailah Bin Che Yeom (Malaysia), Former Executive Director of ITTO

ITTO has lost a supporter of stature. And for me, the loss of a great friend who has helped me immensely in the establishment of the ITTO, its growth and development. I last met him during ITTO's 25th Anniversary celebrations on 28 Oct 2011 in Yokohama where he made a speech and demonstrated his sustained dedication to the Organization. Let his legacy to the ITTO inspire us to generously support the work and activities of the Organization at this crucial juncture as the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006 comes into force.

From Dr. Manoel Sobral Filho (Brazil), Former Executive Director of ITTO

On the occasion of the sad passing way of Mr. Katsuhiko Kotari, I wish to present my condolences to his family and ITTO. I include ITTO because I know ITTO has always been a member of his family, since he played an essential role on its birth, establishing Headquarters in Yokohama, and growing to maturity. Mr. Kotari was a great friend of ITTO and has done more for the Organization than anyone in Japan. Having served ITTO more than 20 years, I had the privilege of working with and benefitting for a long time from his wisdom and generosity. We will all miss him very much.

From Mr. Jaime Muñoz-Reyes Navarro (Bolivia), Former Chair of International Tropical Timber Council

My friend, Kotari-san, left a lot of friends in this side of the world (Latin America) and we are going to remember him always.