



Obituary – Prof Ei-ichi Negishi

We are all saddened by the sudden demise of Prof Ei-ichi Negishi, Nobel Prize Winner in Chemistry in 2010 and a good friend of IKM. Prof Negishi was best known for his discovery of the Negishi coupling. He spent most of his career at Purdue University in the United States, where he was the Herbert C. Brown Distinguished Professor and Director of the Negishi-Brown Institute. He had made tremendous contribution to the development of chemistry, especially in the area of organic synthesis. Prof Negishi was one of the Plenary Speakers at the 15th Asian Chemical Congress (15ACC) in Singapore in 2013. In 2016, IKM invited him to deliver two plenary lectures in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia, one at the IUPAC 24th International Conference on Chemistry Education (24ICCE) and the other at the International Symposium on Pure & Applied Chemistry. His presence at these two scientific meetings really encourage and inspire many young Malaysian scientists.

Prof Negishi had contributed so much to the development of chemistry worldwide, especially for palladium-catalysed cross-coupling in organic synthesis. With his passing, the world has lost a great scientist and IKM, a good dear friend. We would like to convey our deepest heartfelt condolence to the family of the late professor.

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