Announcement regarding the Passing of Shunsaku Tamiya

Shizuoka, July 22, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Tamiya, Inc. Chairman Shunsaku Tamiya on July 18th, 2025 at the age of ninety.

In accordance with his wishes, a private funeral service has already been held. Information about other potential memorial events will be released in the coming days.

Tamiya, Inc. asks that you respect the family's privacy at this time. Please note that we are not accepting gifts of condolence.

Biography

Born on December 19, 1934

March 1953 Graduated Shizuoka Prefectural Shizuoka High School

March 1958 Graduated Waseda University
April 1958 Joined Tamiya Shoji & Co.

1960 Appointed Head of Product Planning Division

August 1, 1969 Appointed Executive Director of the Tamiya Plastic Model Co.

May 31, 1977 Appointed President of the Tamiya Plastic Model Co. October 17, 1978 Appointed President of the Tamiya Plastic Co., Ltd.

March 24, 1984 Appointed President of Tamiya, Inc.

October 23, 1988 Appointed President of Tamiya Shoji & Co.

June 1, 1994 Appointed Chairman of the Shizuoka Model & Educational Cooperative

Association

June 21, 1995 Appointed Chairman of the Tamiya Foundation Scholarship

June 1, 2008 Appointed Chairman of Tamiya, Inc.

2017 Appointed Chairman and President of Tamiya, Inc.

July 1, 2024 Appointed Chairman of Tamiya, Inc.

External Roles

Chairman of the Shizuoka Model & Educational Cooperative Association

Chairman of the Tamiya Foundation Scholarship

Chairman of TIPS: Tourism Industry Promotion Shizuoka

Recognition and Notable Achievements

Shizuoka City Special Achievement Award Shizuoka Prefectural Governor Special Achievement Award Special Achievement Award in the Japan Media Arts Festival

Development of plastic model assembly kits from detailed study of overseas museum vehicles.

Contribution to the development and worldwide spread of radio-controlled car and Mini 4WD models.

Early recognition of and engagement with overseas markets through trade shows and development of overseas facilities.

As Chairman of the Shizuoka Model & Educational Cooperative Association: helping the growth of Shizuoka City into a significant presence in the model industry via the Shizuoka Hobby Show and other initiatives.