

Memorial Speech for Professor Nagai

Dear Oukusama, Prof. Sugiyama, and みなさん、こんにちは：

I have known Professor Nagai for more than 30 years. Professor Nagai was the first scientist to visit my college after China's Reform and Opening-up. **In April 1987**, he initiated and established the sister relationship of Hoshi University and Beijing Medical University (now Peking University). **In September 1992**, during his tenure as President of the FIP, he restored the position of the CPA within the FIP.

He always cared deeply for China and visited many times. He hosted and sponsored numerous international conferences in China. He was awarded the title of honorary professor by several Chinese universities. He was also an honorary member of the CPA. **He made great contributions to the Chinese pharmaceutical sciences.** The Nagai Foundation has helped many Chinese young scientists to attend international conferences and promoted global exchanges.

In 1993, I went to Hoshi University for my PhD under his guidance. I remember his car was always parked in front of the building, from Monday to Sunday. If it wasn't there, he must have been away attending conferences around the world. I remember he revised my first paper while traveling abroad. The manuscript was filled with revision marks. With his guidance and help, I published my first article in English. Later, we co-authored 20 papers, which laid a solid foundation for my career.

I remember Professor Nagai was concerned that I might get lost. He picked me up personally and made sure I boarded the right train. When I ignored traffic safety, he said to me seriously, "Qi sensei, please stand on the sidewalk." He was like a father, caring for me in both big and small things.

So, when I received the news of Professor Nagai's passing, I could not believe it. **His hearty laughter, his loud "Cheers," and the way he drank remain vivid in my heart.** Even after his stroke, his optimistic spirit left a deep impression on me. What moved me the most was his personal charm. He was devoted to research and teaching, strong, positive, humorous, great grit in facing challenge, and full of pioneering spirit. At the same time, **he showed fatherly kindness to his students and friendly to everyone. His charm and influence will never be forgotten.**

Dear Professor Nagai, may you rest in peace. **We'll always remember you with respect, gratitude, and love.** Finally, I wish to express our profound respect and best wishes to Professor Nagai's wife, not only my own, but also on behalf Prof. Zhang Lihe, my colleagues, and countless Chinese people who have received the kindness of Professor Nagai and you. We wish you good health.

I would like to end by expressing my gratitude to the organizers for granting me the honor of speaking here to pay tribute to Professor Nagai.

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