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Dear FIK Officials / Presidents of the FIK Affiliates,

On behalf of International Kendo Federation (FIK) I would like to inform you that Mr. Yoshimitsu Takeyasu, former president of FIK, passed away at the age of 100 on February 28.

His funeral was already conducted and attended by family members only under the state of emergency caused by COVID-19.

Mr. Takeyasu served as President of FIK from 1999 to the end of the 16th World Kendo Championships held in 2015. During his tenure, he made an enormous contribution to the development and promotion of kendo around the world. He continued kendo practice until he was 95 years old.

In expressing my sincere appreciation for him, I would like to pray for the repose of his soul.

With deepest sympathy,

Fujio Cho
President, FIK