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I A Word From the Editor in Chief

Professor Toshio Hata, a distinguished and beloved adhesion scientist, and a member of our Advisory Board for many years, passed away in Tokyo on December 31, 2009. We knew him as a friend and colleague for almost 40 years and will surely miss him. We had not seen him since the International Adhesion Symposium (IAS'94) meeting in Yokohama but we always exchanged letters on his birthday.

There follows below an appreciation of his life by Professor Emeritus Hiroshi Mizumachi, The University of Tokyo.

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