

In Memory of Dr. Ezra Vogel

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We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Ezra Vogel, Professor Emeritus at Harvard University.

Dr. Vogel has been a friend of Kansai Keizai Doyukai for many years, and has helped create the U.S.-Japan Symposium. Thanks to his support, we have been able to continually co-host this symposium with the Harvard Kennedy School and the Japan Society of Boston since 1993.

We just saw him virtually on November 20th this year, when he kindly participated in the 28th U.S.-Japan symposium—which was held online due to the pandemic—and provided thoughtful comments. We are very surprised and saddened by the sudden news of his passing only a month later.

Dr. Vogel left a great legacy in the field of East Asian studies in the United States. He always had deep insight for Japan and Japanese people, pointing out strengths and challenges that we ourselves did not realize. We will remember Dr. Vogel as a great researcher and invaluable friend, and hope to carry on his legacy through our activities.

We are deeply grateful for the kindness he extended to us throughout the years. We express our sincere condolences to his family, as well as his colleagues and friends at Harvard University.

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