

National Academy of Inventors and KAATSU International University announce NAI Fellows

Tokyo, Japan (Dec. 10, 2013)—Professor Sir Yoshiaki Sato, M.D., Ph.D. of KAATSU International University has been named a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI).

Election to NAI Fellow status is a high professional distinction accorded to academic inventors who have demonstrated a prolific spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development, and the welfare of society.

The 143 innovators elected to NAI Fellow status represent 94 universities and governmental and non-profit research institutes. Together, they hold more than 5,600 U.S. patents.

Included in the 2013 class are 26 presidents and senior leadership of research universities and non-profit research institutes, 69 members of the National Academies (IOM,NAS,NAE), five inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, six recipients of the U.S. National Medal of Technology and Innovation, two recipients of the U.S. National Medal of Science and nine Nobel Laureates, among other major awards and distinctions.

The NAI Fellows will be inducted by Deputy U.S. Commissioner for Patents Andy Faile, from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, during the 3rd Annual Conference of the National Academy of Inventors, on Mar. 7, 2014, in Alexandria, Va., at the headquarters of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Fellows will be presented with a special trophy and a rosette pin.

The NAI Fellows will be recognized in a full page advertisement in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and in a future issue of *Technology and Innovation – Proceedings of the National Academy of Inventors*.

Dr. Sir Yoshiaki Sato currently serves as the Chancellor of KAATSU International University in Sri Lanka. He invented KAATSU Training and has co-authored over 100 publications in peer-review publications on KAATSU Training and holds 47 patents on KAATSU Training and KAATSU equipment in Japan, United States, France, Germany, Italy, Australia, China, Korea, Canada, Hong Kong and other countries.

He is the Chairman and Benefactor of the Department of KAATSU Training Ischemic Circulatory Physiology in the 22nd Century Medical and Research Center at The University of Tokyo and manages the KAATSU Center at the Research Institute of Sports Science of the State General Administration of Sports in the People's Republic of China, the KAATSU Medical Center at Jilin University in the China-Japan Union Hospital in the People's Republic of China, and is the Chairman of the Japan KAATSU Training Society and the Chairman of KAATSU Training Interest Group at American College of Sports Medicine.

Dr. Sato discovered the effect of KAATSU Training (blood flow restricted exercise) and has spent his career developing equipment and exercise protocols to deliver the health and fitness benefits of KAATSU Training. He continues his research into new medical applications in both Japan and the United States.

He is also a Special Advisor for Green Cross and honored a Knight Commander of The Ecumenical Medical Humanitarian Order of Saint John Jerusalem.

Academic inventors and innovators elected to the rank of NAI Fellow were nominated by their peers for outstanding contributions to innovation in areas such as patents and licensing, innovative discovery and technology, significant impact on society, and support and enhancement of innovation.

The NAI Fellows Selection Committee is comprised of 13 Members including NAI Charter Fellows, recipients of U.S. National Medals, National Inventors Hall of Fame inductees, members of the National Academies and senior officials from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Association of University Technology Managers, and the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

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