

DR. JITSUHIRO YAMADA
PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, of Minokamo, Gifu, Japan, was elected to serve as president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 98th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, June 26-30, 2015.

Past President Yamada is a neurosurgeon.

A member of the Minokamo Lions Club, Past President Yamada has been a Lion since 1985. He has held many offices in the association, including district governor and GLT constitutional area vice leader. He served on the international board from 2005 to 2007 as a member of the Executive Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee and Vice Chairperson of Convention Committee. He also served as a board appointee for 2011-2012 and 2018-2019.

After his service as president of Lions Clubs International, and then as chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation, Past President Yamada accepted the job of leading the most ambitious Capital Campaign in the history of the Foundation in 2017. The campaign was launched officially at the association's 101st International Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA in July 2018.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past President Yamada has received numerous awards, including the Humanitarian Partner Award, 10 International President's Awards and an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past President Yamada is chairperson for several organizations including the Social Medical Corporation Koseikai, the Central Japan International Medical Center, the Social Welfare Corporation Jikeikai, Nozominooka Hospital and Ajisai Nursing College. He is a standing director of the Japan Hospital Association and an affiliate professor at Gifu University.

Past President Yamada has been active in the area of international relations, serving as an Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Morocco, president of the Gifu-Hungary Friendship Association, Gifu-Morocco Association and Gifu-Salzburg Association. He is a recipient of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary, the Medal of Honor of the Alaouite Dynasty of the Kingdom of Morocco and an honorary citizen of Beijing City, China, in recognition of his service to international friendship building.

Past President Yamada and his late wife and partner since medical school, Dr. Toshiko Yamada, have one son, who is also a Lion, one daughter and three grandchildren.