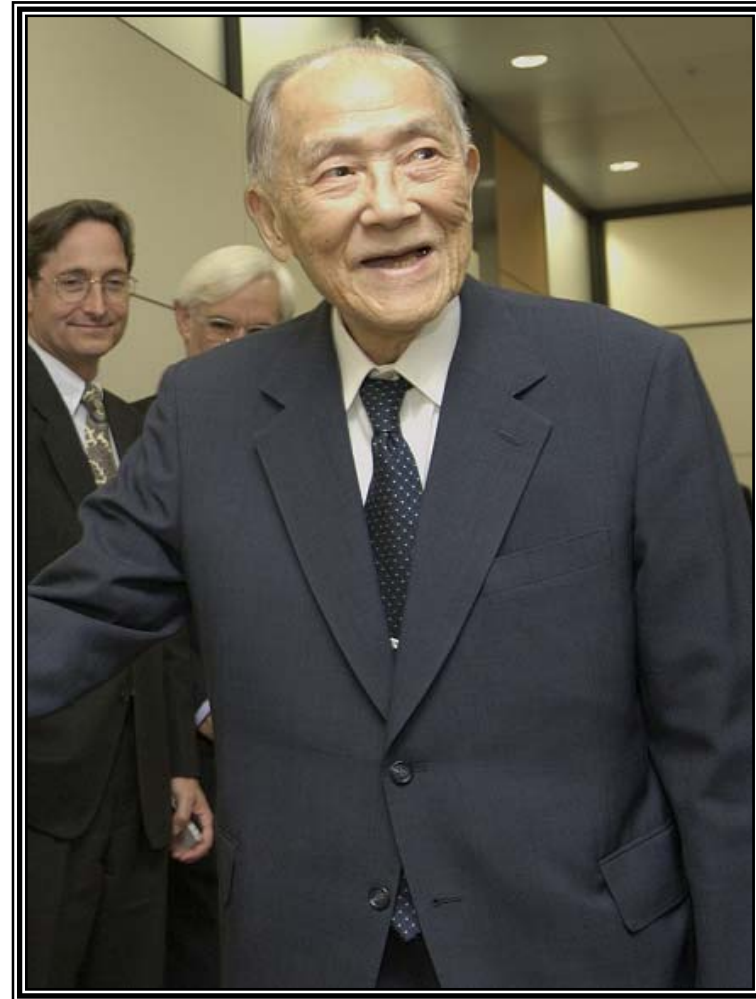
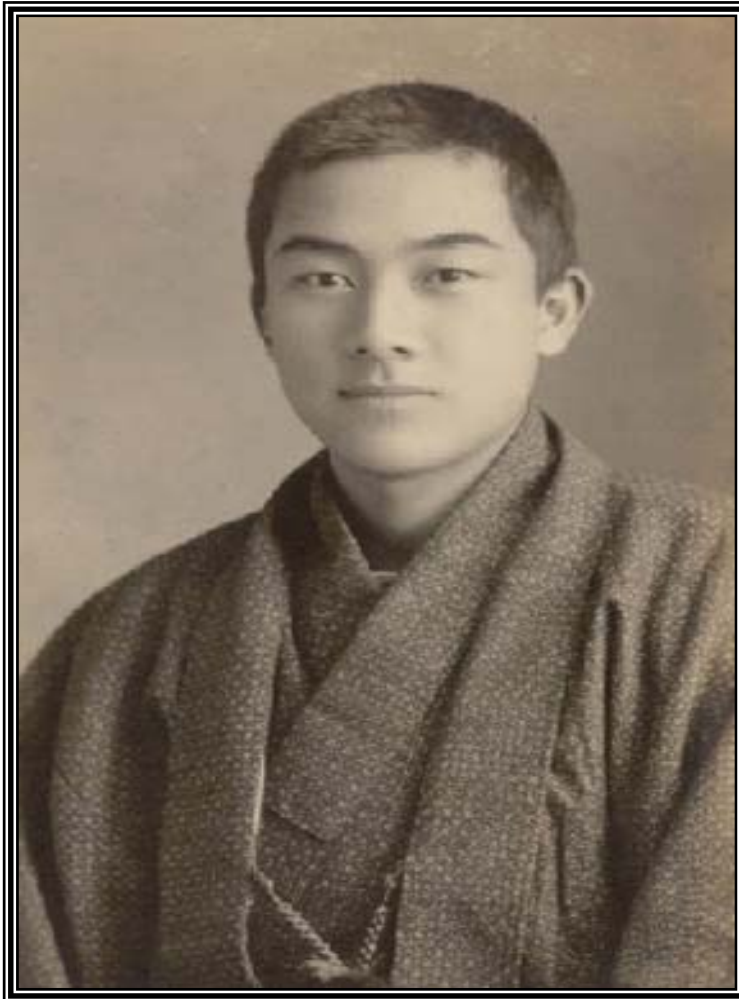


Hirokichi Yoshiyama

1911-2007







The creation of The Hitachi Foundation, with a charter to do good for the people of the United States, was a remarkable step for a Japanese corporation. However, it was Mr. Yoshiyama's personal commitment and individual gift to the Foundation that truly underscored the deep belief that Hitachi executives had in this noble mission.

Through the Yoshiyama Award, he touched the lives of thousands of young people in the United States, beginning with the awardees and extending to all those inspired by their accomplishments. Mr. Yoshiyama was at his best in communicating with young people, traveling from Japan, or by letter in his later years, to bring his hope and vision for a better worldwide society to our minds and hearts.

Rising to the top of a major corporation like Hitachi is remarkable in itself. Doing so while maintaining a deep concern for humanity and inspiring the best in others surely defines a lifetime of extraordinary achievement and contribution.

Joseph E. Kasputys

Founding Board Member 1985-2005

Foundation Chairman 1998-2005





It's hard to believe more than 10 years have passed since I was fortunate enough to receive the Yoshiyama Award. The retreat and experiences I had as a result of the award have inspired me to continue doing all I can to help make the world a better place. We all owe a great debt to Mr. Yoshiyama. His vision in investing in our future generation will have a positive impact in the world for many years to come.

Irit Eliav

1996 Awardee

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Mr. Yoshiyama was a wonderful and big-hearted person and will be missed by all the people he impacted...

The retreat along with the incredible people I met as a “Yoshi” continues to stay with me in my heart. Every now and again, I pull a little bit of the memories out from the program for some energy to continue serving the community and society.

I am thankful to Mr. Yoshiyama for that experience.

Eve Vang

2003 Awardee





Mr. Yoshiyama epitomized what is best about The Hitachi Foundation. His support for the Foundation at its founding and his subsequent extraordinarily generous gift to honor young people serving their communities exemplify his commitment to making society better.

Using money to do good is a difficult business, and Mr. Yoshiyama recognized that conundrum but persevered in his commitment to The Hitachi Foundation.

Patricia Albjerg Graham

Foundation Board of Directors 1985-2004

Yoshiyama Selection Committee Co-Chair 1991-1993

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Though I did not know Mr. Yoshiyama personally, his award has benefited me and many others. His exemplary service has created a footpath for others to follow, and I appreciate him very much for this.

Melvin A Colbert, II

2006 Awardee





Mr. Yoshiyama inspired and touched my heart in so many ways during my tenure as a Board Member of The Hitachi Foundation. He was truly an extraordinary individual who brought such pride to all who knew him. He had a wonderful spirit and we always looked forward to his visit during the Yoshiyama Awards in Washington, DC.

Mr. Yoshiyama will best be remembered for being the champion of the less fortunate when he created the Yoshiyama Awards in the United States. We were all fortunate to know such an accomplished man of great creativity, imagination and vision.

Clara Apodaca

Foundation Board of Directors 1990-2002

Yoshiyama Selection Committee Co-Chair 1994-1996





It is very inspiring to be among people who care so much about others and are so clever and hard-working in trying to solve problems. The conference and retreat were such wonderful gifts for that reason.

Emma Yuen

2002 Awardee





As a Yoshiyama Awardee, I was able to meet other young people from around the nation with the same passion as myself for community service. The retreats I was able to attend for two years were incredibly inspirational -- challenging me to think big, collaborate and nurture my leadership abilities. I was able to use the award money to expand my community service endeavors and to help me attend university. Since that time, I have continued working with at-risk youth both in college and after. I have had the opportunity to travel and work abroad and plan to continue doing so throughout my life.

Mariah Martin

2000 Awardee

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When I learned that Mr. Yoshiyama had made such a generous gift to recognize the contributions of young people I was awed. His generosity, vision and wisdom were extraordinary – a business leader from Japan dedicating resources to support the efforts of young people in America – what a rare, and perhaps unique, gift.

I was honored to meet him during his visits to the United States for the Yoshiyama Award Ceremonies – and equally honored to chair the Yoshiyama Award Committee for a number of years. This experience afforded me the opportunity to see his vision and share in the experience. The Hitachi Foundation continues to exemplify his vision and ideals.

Sherry Salway Black

Foundation Board of Directors 1993-2006

Yoshiyama Selection Committee Co-Chair 1996-2004





My prayers and thoughts are with Mr. Yoshiyama's family and all of you at Hitachi. Wow, what a legacy that he has set for all the youth of the future and greatness at Hitachi

Jeffrey Lambin

2005 Awardee



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