

**TAGA  
HONORS AWARD 2002  
to  
Takashi Numakura**



*for his 48 years of dedicated service to prepress printing technologies, their study, development, production, promotion, and control; his role in the development of the GIS Software; his articles on Control of Tone Reproduction Curves and GIS Software; his long term management of Yamatoya & Co., Ltd.; his activity and service in management positions of eight industry associations and the honorary awards for outstanding services TAGA honors Takashi Numakura.*

Takashi Numakura is Chairman of the Board of Yamatoya & Co., Ltd. in Tokyo, Japan – a company engaged in the development and sale of prepress systems and materials. He has been engaged in management research and dissemination of information in this company since April 1954 when he completed studies in Photo Chemistry at the University of Tokyo. He had received a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Chuo University in Tokyo in March 1953.

Prior to these events, Mr. Numakura had attended the Japanese Army Military Academy where he graduated with honors. Immediately after graduation in July 1945 he was made a prisoner of Russia and he and many other Japanese spent three years as prisoners in Russia in a prison near Kazan City, Russia. In describing this period of his life he wrote: "Many Japanese including me were sent food, taught many technologies by United States people and they did not claim reparations after World War II. I would like to express special deep respect and gratitude to the warm humanitarian spirit of the United States people."

In April 1954 when Mr. Numakura joined Yamatoya Corp., as it was called then, he became Managing Director. He held this position until October 1967 when he was named Vice President, a position he held until January 1977 when Yamatoya Corp. became Yamatoya & Co., Ltd. Mr. Numakura was then named President & CEO and he served in this capacity until December 1999, when he became Chairman of the Board.

Yamatoya's main product is GIS Software. GIS is the acronym for Golden Imaging Software. It was given this name in the hope that it would be a system technology shining forever like "Gold". In 1988 GIS Technology was acknowledged as the First Recognition Newly Found Technology in the Graphic Arts Industry by the Foundation Technology Center, which is a special corporate body under the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

In 1990 GIS Technology was given First Authorization and Recognition by the New Venture Business Law as Newly Found Technology. "Theoretical and Practical Procedures on GIS Software" is a report by Mr. Numakura in the Journal of Printing Science and Technology, Volume 35:6, 1998, published by the Japanese Society of Printing Science and Technology. Another article by Mr. Numakura was "How to Control the Tone Reproduction Curves in Color Separation Works" that appears in the Journal of Printing Science and Technology, volume 25:2, 1988, published by the Japanese Society of Printing Science and Technology.

Mr. Numakura's professional affiliations date back to May 1975 when he was elected a Director of the Board and Trustee of the Japan Photograph and Plate Making Machinery and Material Cooperative Association, Tokyo, Japan; followed by Inspector of the Board of the Japanese Inorganic Chemical Association, Tokyo, May 1977; Member of the Board of Graphic Arts Technology, Tokyo, May 1978; Councilor of the Japanese Society of Printing Science and Technology, Tokyo, March 1980; Chairman of the Board of Shiba Corporate Bodies Federation, Tokyo, May 1988; Inspector of the Board of Foundation of National Corporate Bodies Federation, Tokyo, June 1997; and Chairman of the Board of Minato-Ku Atago Industrial Association, Tokyo, May 1999.

Mr. Numakura's honors date back to when he graduated from the Army Military Academy, Tokyo, July 1945. He received the Imperial Award of the Honorable Silver Clock. This was followed by the President's Award and Honor for Outstanding Student at Chuo University, Tokyo, March 1953. In October 1987 he received the Award of Merit from the Director of the Tokyo National Tax Administration Bureau, Tokyo. He received the Award of Merit from the Chief of National Tax Administration, Tokyo in November 1992. In November 1996, he received the Award of Merit from the Japan Ministry of Finance, Tokyo and in February 2000 he received the Award of Outstanding Service from the Japanese Society of Printing Science and Technology, Tokyo whose original title was TAGA Japan. Now, TAGA distinguishes Mr. Takashi Numakura with the 2002 TAGA Honors Award.