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Condolence to Professor Masataka SATÔ (佐藤正孝教授)

The passing of Professor Masataka SATÔ was a great shock to many members of the Taiwan Entomological Society. Our hearts are heavy at the sad news of the death of such a devoted scientist. Professor Masataka SATÔ was among the most important figures in studying beetle fauna of Taiwan. The tremendous contribution of Professor SATÔ to entomology is well recognized, not only in his study of the beetle taxonomy but also his generosity in sharing his profession to the societies of Japan and other countries. He donated a hundred thousand specimens to the National Museum of Natural Sciences in Taiwan in the year of 2005. Moreover, he declined the monetary compensation provided by the museum foundation. Instead, he donated a total of one million NT dollars to Taiwan Entomological Society and Entomological Laboratory of Ehime University, which bridges the two countries, and especially the entomological communities. No words cords can adequately express our great sorrow at the loss of Professor SATÔ. Our society will miss him greatly. And, we hope the connection that he made between the two societies will continue and progress. Finally, in this difficult moment, we would like to offer our condolence to SATÔ's family in grief. SATÔ Sensei is the one you should be proud of and our love and support will always be here for you.

Sincerely yours,

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