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Professor Akihisa Inoue is a world-leading material scientist and a pioneer in the development of Bulk Metallic Glasses and Advanced Non-Equilibrium Materials. He carried out his career at Tohoku University, Japan, serving as a Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Director of the Institute for Materials Research (IMR) and as President of Tohoku University before becoming an Emeritus Professor in 2012. Presently, he serves as a Special Advisor to the Chancellor, and as the Director of International Institute of Green Materials, Josai University Educational Corporation, in Tokyo. He is also the Head of the Advanced Green Materials Laboratory, at National University of Science and Technology “MISiS” in Moscow, Russia and directs research at the Advanced Metallic Materials Institute of Tianjin University in China.

Professor Inoue has authored more than 2800 publications, and was identified by Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) as No. 1 in worldwide ranking of highly cited authors publishing scientific papers in materials science and engineering journals during 1996-2006. He also holds over 200 patents and has been a member of the editorial boards of several scientific journals. Professor Inoue has received significant recognition for his contribution to Materials Science and Engineering. He is a member of the Japan Academy, a foreign member of the US National Academy of Engineering and an Honorary Member of the Indian Materials Research Society. He received numerous awards including the Japan Academy Prize, the James C. McGroddy Prize for New Materials awarded by the American Physical Society, the Japan Prime Minister’s Prize, the Kelly Lecture of University of Cambridge, the Morris Traverse Lecture of the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore and the Acta Materialia Gold Medal. He is also an overseas fellow of the Churchill College in Cambridge University. He held visiting assignments at the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden, the Swedish Institute of Metals Research, the Bell Laboratories in New Jersey, the National Polytechnique de Grenoble (INP), France and the Institute für Forschung Werkstoff (IFW), Dresden, Germany. He was awarded honorary doctorate degrees from the Swedish Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden, from Dong-Eui University, Busan, Korea and from Shanghai Jiatong University, Shanghai, China. He also holds honorary professor positions in more than ten prestigious universities.