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Hirochika Inoue, Professor Emeritus, The University of Tokyo. During his 40 years of robotics research and development, from 1965 as graduate students to university retirement as professor in 2004, Professor Inoue explored wide key areas of robotics such as compliant control of robot actuation, real-time vision system for robots, planning and programming of robots, system integration, hand-eye systems, vision guided vehicle, and humanoids.

As Professor Emeritus of University of Tokyo, his experience and insight of robotics research turned to research funding as well as support of robotized future society. From April 2004 to Sept. 2009, he was appointed as the Inspector General, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS).

He is a recipient of JIRA Award (1994), The Joseph Engelberger Robotics Award (1999), IEEE Robotics and Automation Pioneer Award (2005), Medal with Purple Ribbon (2008, Emperor of Japan), d'Officier dans l'Ordre National du Merite (2010, President of Republic of France), IEEE Technical Field Award (Robotics and Automation Award 2011).