

## Starting Point of Our Medical Business

– In honor of the great work of our former chief technical advisor, we offer our deepest condolences –

The development of our medical business would not have been possible without Mr. Masashi Momota, who was a chief technical advisor (serving the company from 1992 to 2022). Mr. Momota was known as a leading figure in the medical equipment field, having built a great track record in the development of guidewires and catheters for examination at a major medical equipment company. Against this backdrop, he joined our company in 1992. At that time, we were focusing on industrial equipment and had no past record in the medical field. Together with the present founder, Naohiko Miyata, he took on the challenge of launching a medical device business from scratch.



With Naohiko Miyata, founder



PCI guide wire Miracle for CTO treatment



A Japanese-Vietnamese dictionary with enhanced technical terms, created by Mr. Momota

### History of Mr. Momota

March 1992: Joined the company, Executive Director  
 December 1996: Senior Executive Director  
 July 2000: Senior Managing Executive Officer  
 August 2004: Chief Technical Advisor  
 August 2022: Resigned as Advisor to the company  
 October 12, 2025: Passed away at the age of 86



At a time when there was little knowledge of the medical field in the company, we learned everything from Mr. Momota: what medical devices are, how to communicate with doctors, and how to obtain evaluations from clinical site. From this, the foundation of the business was built. In particular, the method of quantifying what doctors say and connecting it to technological development as a theory was deeply rooted in our company's development culture, becoming a major advantage of the subsequent product lines.

Based on his knowledge and technical capabilities, Mr. Momota led the development of a number of products to innovate the medical practice, including Soft, Japan's first PCI guidewire for treatment, and Miracle, the world's first guide wire for CTO treatment. Our products opened up a new path for the treatment of highly difficult lesions, such as CTO lesions, and laid the foundation for a breakthrough in our medical business.

Mr. Momota also emphasized the importance of Japanese language education at the time of launch of the Hanoi factory and took the initiative in creating a Japanese-Vietnamese dictionary tailored to daily operations. He built a foundation for communication that transcends cultural and language barriers and has left a legacy of creating our current global monozukuri (manufacturing) system.

Mr. Momota's teaching and approach are still passed down to each and every engineer. Upon hearing of his passing, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the great contribution he has made, and we would like to offer our deepest condolences.