

# Akio Komatsu (1944)

Akio Komatsu is a Japanese industrialist who founded Komatsu Electric Industry in 1973. In 1994 he established the Human, Nature & Science Institute Foundation and began his philanthropic activities.



Realising his country's post-World War II responsibilities, Komatsu has been active in "grassroots" diplomacy. He has visited many places of remembrance in the world (including war & peace museums), expressing sorrow, offering flowers, and making donations. His unique humanitarianism is meant to pave the road to world peace from the Japanese archipelago and the Korean Peninsula where the presence of three nuclear powers (China, Russia, US) is significant.

Komatsu has sponsored many international seminars on peace, health, and the environment. In his efforts to promote a "culture of harmony", he has published *The Analects of Confucius*, and *The Chinese Classic Quotations* in several languages. He is also one of the main promoters of Bertha von Suttner in Japan.

