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Dear Professor, Hosaka and Members of the JSCSC,

It is with deep regret to hear of the passing of the Honorable, Professor Shuntaro Ito on 20, September 2023.

It must be said that the Honorable Professor, Shuntaro Ito was the foundation and architect of a bridge between the ISCSC and the JSCSC. Professor Ito was an early member in the young days of the ISCSC and served as President of the ISCSC from 1995 to 1998. He served on the *Comparative Civilizations Review Journal (CCR)* Editorial Advisory Board from 1997-2000. His paper titled *A Framework for the Comparative Study of Civilizations* was published in the Spring 1997 edition of *CCR*. Subsequently, his following works were published: *What is Civilization: A New Approach* in Spring 1998 and *On Cross Civilization Spheres*, *CCR* Fall of 1998. Professor Ito was a Corresponding Editor of the *CCR* from 1998 to 2000.

Professor Ito was named *ISCSC Praeses Honoris Causa Per Totam Vitam* (Honorary President for Entire Life) in the Fall of 2000. Professor Ito will always be honored by this title which will forever remain in place in recognition of his endless qualities of scholarship, diplomacy, and vision towards a peaceful world.

Largely due to his efforts and vision, the JSCSC and ISCSC continue to have an even stronger sister-partnership. We owe Professor Ito an endless debt of gratitude and honor for his lifetime contributions.

With deepest sympathies on behalf of the ISCSC,

Lynn Rhodes

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