

**Aviation Safety Award to Dr. Takao Kawakita
and to honor IREI Air Safety in Japan
First NADA/F International Safety Award
March 12, 2009**

Dr. Kawakita's daughter, Kyoko Kawakita, 22 years old, was killed in the [JAL123](#) air crash on August 12, 1985. Since then he began promoting aviation safety in the world so that others will not experience such bitter sorrow.

Dr. Kawakita organized and motivated many family members globally so that today thousands of air crash survivors and family members work through air safety organizations for common goals. Dr. Kawakita helped organize the first [International Air Disaster Group \(IADG\)](#) meeting of survivors and air crash family members in Washington DC., October 1992. That meeting led to the incorporation of the **NATIONAL AIR DISASTER ALLIANCE/FOUNDATION (NADA/F)** August 1995.

We also recognize one of the most beautiful and peaceful air crash monuments in the world on Mount Osutaka and the memorial museum at the site.

Dr. Kawakita recently contributed to the opening of [JAL's Air Safety Museum near Haneda Airport](#) by giving suggestions and materials to exhibit. This is the only museum of this kind in the world and a tribute to Aviation Safety and honoring loved ones.

As Chairman of IREI Air Safety Dr. Kawakita's leadership again brought people together,

*"Because the sky is one, the air safety standards are internationally the same.
IREI Air Safety Group believes its activities will lead to the peaceful rest of
520 souls of the victims of JAL 123 on August 12, 1985."*

We are honored to recognize the life's work of Dr. Kawakita and IREI Air Safety and all that they have done to honor their loved ones and to serve survivors, air crash family members and the traveling public, now, and for the future. Their work created an international network for supporters of Aviation Safety, and NADA/F is proud to be part of this group.

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