We would like to inform you that Satoru Nagata, age 71, a medical director of NAGATA Microtia and Reconstructive Plastic Surgery Clinic, passed away from sudden cardiac death on January 2, 2022.

Nagata was born on August 28, 1950 in Nagasaki, Japan, where he spent his childhood and got inspired to become a plastic surgeon by learning about Atomic Bomb Maidens, women who suffered severe burns from the atomic bomb.

Nagata graduated from Tottori University Faculty of Medicine in 1978. He completed and received his Ph.D. at Kyorin University Graduate School of Medicine in 2000. He devoted his energy to developing techniques of auricular reconstruction for microtia and eventually established the Nagata method, which is now employed worldwide.

Nagata established NAGATA Microtia and Reconstructive Plastic Surgery Clinic in Toda city, Saitama Japan in 2005, where he conducted more than 2,000 cases of microtia reconstruction surgeries. Nagata became a world-renowned plastic surgeon for microtia, while he was an artistic person also, who was a music lover and was good at drawing & painting.

The funeral service will be private at a later date only for immediate family in his hometown, Nagasaki, where his ashes will be buried in his family grave.

Message to ISAR

NAGATA Microtia and Reconstructive Plastic Surgery Clinic will close this spring. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to ISAR members for long-standing friendships during his life. We wish you further success in the field of auricular reconstruction.

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