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Akira ONISHI, born in January 5, 1929, is Director, Centre for Global Modeling, professor emeritus, former vice president, Soka University, economics and global modeling educator.

His academic background is both economics and systems engineering. He got Ph.D. in Economics from Keio University, Tokyo and Ph.D. in Engineering from Tokyo Institute of Technology.

He had an opportunity to work at the United Nations ESCAP and the ILO, 1966-70. Then he has served at Soka University, Tokyo. Dean, Department of Economics, 1976-91. Dean, Graduate School of Economics, 1976-1991. Director, Soka University Institute for Systems Science (SUISS), 1990- 2001. Dean, Faculty of Engineering, 1991-95. Dean, Graduate School of Engineering, 1995-99. Vice President, 1989-2001. Visiting professor, Westminster Business School, 2002. He served as President of Japan Association of Simulation and Gaming, 1993-97.

He received many academic awards. The International Biographical Roll of Honor to the Global Modeling Profession from American Biographical Institute, USA, 1989. The first Supreme Article Award from the Japanese Association of Administration and planning, 1991. The 20th Century Award for Achievement from the International Bibliographic Centre, Cambridge, England to Global Modeling, 1993. The Excellent Article Award from ECAAR, 1997. The Japan Assn. Simulation and Gaming Award, 1998. 2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 20th Grand from the IBC, 1999. He was selected as First Five Hundred in 2000 for the service to Economics by the IBC.

He has made a great contribution to global modeling through numerous articles and conferences. He is well known as an original designer of **FUGI** (*Futures of Global Interdependence*) global model. The United Nations Secretariat, Department of International Economic and Social Affairs adopted this model for the long-term projections and policy simulations of the world economy from 1981-1991. During the period, 1985-86, he designed the Global Early Warning Systems for Displaced Persons (GEWS) under the auspices by the United Nations Independent Committee of Human Rights. See Onishi A. (2003b) *FUGI global model for early warning of forced migration* (<http://www.forcedmigration.org>) Forced Migration Online, Refugee Studies Centre, and University of Oxford.