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He was twice awarded the Michael Milken Prize for Excellence in Teaching (1996, 2005). In 2000 the Japanese emperor bestowed on him the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Star. In 2010 he was awarded the ***Japan Foundation Award***. In 2013 his book ***The Secret of Japan's Strength*** (the Japanese version of his book ***Yapan bemabat ishi***) was awarded the prize of the best book promoting international cultural understanding in Japan.

His main books are:

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