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In Remembrance of Jong-wook Lee

The International Pediatric Association and its pediatricians from countries throughout the world are greatly saddened by the untimely loss of J.W. Lee. Dr Lee stood for the best in global health, and understood well the importance of child health and maternal health to the health of nations. He had a keen intellect and a big heart. When we of IPA first encountered him some years ago as the leader of Stop TB, he recounted how he still grieved the death of a child under his care when he was a house officer, and how this sad event had made him realize the importance of skilled care for children. A WHO Director-General who still remembered and cared about the death of a child so many years later bears the mark of true humanity. His concerns for maternal and child health were reflected in many things he emphasized, including achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, and the 2005 World Health Day theme "Make Every Mother and Child Count".

We of the International Pediatric Association will remember Dr. Lee with respect, admiration, and affection, and will continue to work in his memory for all the world's children, remembering his goals of making every mother and child count and of attending to the Millennium Development Goals.

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