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The Pacific Alliance of Music Schools (PAMS) mourns the loss of one of its founding members: The renowned Japanese composer Isao Matsushita died suddenly and unexpectedly on 16 September 2018, aged only 66. He was the Vice-President of the Tokyo University of the Arts.

We are losing a passionate musician and educator, with a unique sense of humour and an enviable love of musical adventure. Many of us have fond memories of spending time with him, watching videos of some of his remarkable projects, or discussing his plans for the 2020 Olympics, where he hoped to bring sports and music together with technology, so that they would celebrate humanity just like in the antique Athens.

What a sad and shocking loss, so close to his retirement and all the fun and productivity it would have given him, his friends and loved ones. He was a remarkable presence, unforgettable as a personality. Isao Matsushita's impact through his music, students, friends and family will be immense, and not silenced by his unexpected passing.

We offer our sincere condolences to those close to him and will keep him in fond memory.

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