

Profile of Mr. Isao Hoshi



Mr. Isao Hoshi went through junior, senior high schools, and college in Otaru, then enrolled in North Carolina Wesleyan College, North Carolina in 1965. Graduating from the college obtaining a degree in Mathematics, he taught at a public school in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. for one year. In 1970, he joined with Computer Sciences Corporation, and worked at NASA's Goddard Space Flight (GSFC) Center just outside of Washington, D.C.

At GSFC, he was responsible for the system that generated real time data for controlling spacecrafts NASA launched. In 1985, due to a company transfer, he took a position as the department manager at the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

He worked through December 30, 2008 when he took a voluntary retirement, then came back to Otaru permanently. At the time of his retirement, his title was the auditor for management performance and system assurance.

In 1984, as his duty at NASA required a U. S. secret clearance, he became a naturalized U. S. citizen. After obtaining the citizenship, he participated in many public affairs and served as the Vice President for a local Home and School Association, an instructor at Atlantic Community College, a Japanese-English interpreter for the New Jersey courts, and an executive member of Chelsea Neighborhood Association in Atlantic City. He also served court jury duties 3 times, and ran for an Atlantic City School Board seat.

He frequently wrote to Press of Atlantic City and participated in a radio and TV talk shows in Atlantic City area. He was indeed a local celebrity for many years.

Before and after returning to Otaru, he contributed his articles to 'Otaru Journal' introducing 'Untold America'. There have been many articles regarding America, but there are very few of them that were written based on actual life in America by living there for such long time and exposed to all aspects of American lives.

He has spoken to Japanese American Society, Rotary Club of Otaru, cultural organizations, etc. in the local regions.