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**AUTOBACS SEVEN Announces the Passing of Founding Member of the Company
(Obituary)**

(Translation of Major Points of Japanese Release)

Masao Sumino, one of the founding members of the Company and former vice chairman emeritus, passed away on September 22, 2021 at the age of 95.

The Company wishes to express its deepest gratitude for the kindness shown to Mr. Sumino during his lifetime.

Given the COVID-19 pandemic, the tsuya ceremony and funeral will be held privately with the attendance of family members and close relatives only.

The Company plans to hold a farewell ceremony at a later date. Details such as the time, date and place will be announced separately as soon as they are decided.

Personal records

1. Name: Masao Sumino
2. Date of birth: June 30, 1926 (15th year of the Taisho Era)
3. Date of passing: September 22, 2021
4. Career summary

August 1948	Established Fuji-Syokai Co.,Ltd. (the predecessor of AUTOBACS SEVEN Co, Ltd.) Appointed Director and General Manager of Sales Department
October 1955	Appointed Senior Managing Director of Fuji-Syokai Co.,Ltd. (the predecessor of AUTOBACS SEVEN Co, Ltd.)
February 1958	Appointed Director of Daiho Sangyo Co., Ltd. (the predecessor of AUTOBACS SEVEN Co, Ltd.)
June 1980	Appointed Vice President and Representative Director of AUTOBACS SEVEN Co., Ltd.
June 1997	Appointed Senior Adviser and Director of AUTOBACS SEVEN Co., Ltd.
June 2000	Appointed Vice Chairman Emeritus of AUTOBACS SEVEN Co., Ltd. (He retired from the position in July 2014)

Masao Sumino opened Suehiro Syokai as a privately owned wholesaler in 1947 with his brother Toshio Sumino, the founder of our company. The following year, in 1948, he became a founding member of Fuji-Syokai Co., Ltd. which was established in Kita-ku, Osaka City as a wholesaler and retailer of automotive parts, supplies, and accessories. He has contributed greatly to the development of our company, especially in all aspects of sales.

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