ABOUT JOHN H. McARTHUR

A uniquely accomplished Canadian and a native of Burnaby, British Columbia, John H. McArthur was the Dean of Harvard Business School from 1980 through 1995, Senior Advisor to the President of the World Bank from 1995 to 2005, a founding Board Member of the Canada Development Investment Corporation, and was Dean Emeritus at Harvard Business School. He sat on numerous boards, including Duke University Medical Center, Koc Holdings A.S., Thomson Reuters Founders Share Company, as well as previously sitting as Chair of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada.

After earning a bachelor of commerce degree in forestry from the University of British Columbia in 1957, Dr. McArthur continued his studies at Harvard, where he completed an MBA in 1959 and later earned a doctorate in business administration in 1963. In 2013 he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada, one of the country’s highest civilian orders. Dr. McArthur was never one to brag about his many achievements, noting his ambition was merely to create conditions under which those he led could best thrive. Over his career, he has been awarded honorary doctorates from six different institutions in addition to multiple awards, most notably the Canadian Business Leadership Award, from the combined Harvard Clubs of Canada, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Corporate Directors in 2010.

Dr. McArthur was an affable and generous business educator whose great talent it was to coax people with conflicting opinions onto common ground. Sadly, John H. McArthur passed away on August 20, 2019.

Dr. McArthur’s outstanding service and dedication to APF Canada prompted the establishment of the John H. McArthur Distinguished Fellowship. An avid proponent of collaborative communities, during his tenure as Chair, Dr. McArthur reached out to businesses, governments and academia to solidify the Foundation’s position as a thought leader and agent of action in Canada’s evolving relations with Asia.

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Dr. Fareed Zakaria became the Inaugural Fellow of the John H. McArthur Distinguished Fellowship on February 1, 2017. A noted journalist and host of CNN’s “Fareed Zakaria GPS,” Dr. Zakaria delivered a keynote presentation titled, “Canada’s Role in a Post-Trump World,” and participated in a moderated discussion in Toronto to mark the launch of the Fellowship.

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ABOUT THE ASIA PACIFIC FOUNDATION OF CANADA

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