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Strong ethics and a commitment to innovation are no longer desires, but imperatives for successful leaders. The Inamori Ethics Prize, named for Dr. Kazuo Inamori, celebrates these qualities in its recipients. This first edition of *The International Journal of Ethical Leadership* does the same.

An outstanding business leader, Dr. Inamori subscribes to the belief that “people have no higher calling than to serve the greater good of humankind and society.” He established the Kyoto Prize in 1985 to honor people who have contributed significantly to “the progress of science, the advancement of civilization, and the enrichment and elevation of the human spirit.”

In 2006, a generous gift from Dr. Inamori and the Inamori Foundation resulted in the Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence at Case Western Reserve University, which administers the Inamori Ethics Prize.

Inside this journal, you will find speeches from previous Inamori Ethics Prize winners, updates on their initiatives, and an examination of ethics by other scholars.

Our university is privileged to award the Inamori Ethics Prize and to present this journal on a topic so vital to leaders both present and future. I hope this issue provides insights and inspiration for a better world.

Sincerely,

Barbara R. Snyder
President, Case Western Reserve University