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Born in 1940, **Kenichi Iga** received B.E. in 1963, M.E. in 1965, and Dr. Eng. in 1968 from Tokyo Institute of Technology. From 1968, he joined the Precision and Intelligence Laboratory, Tokyo Institute of Technology, and became Associate Professor in 1973 and Professor in 1984. From 1979 to 1980, he worked for Bell Laboratories as Visiting Technical Staff Member. In 2000, he worked as Director of Institute Library and Director of Precision and Intelligence Laboratory Microsystem Research Center, Tokyo Institute of Technology. In March 2001, he retired Tokyo Institute of Technology and was awarded the status of Professor Emeritus. From April 2001 to September 2007, he worked for Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) as Executive Director. He became President of Tokyo Institute of Technology on October 24, 2007. He first proposed (in 1977) and pioneered the research of surface emitting semiconductor laser (VCSEL). His research field is Electronics. He received IEEE Daniel E. Noble Award in 2003, Rank Prize in 2002, Purple Ribbon Prize in 2001, Asahi Prize in 1998, Fujiwara Prize in 2003, C&C Prize in 2007, NHK Broadcast Cultural Award in 2009 and other major awards.