

## WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION ORGANISATION MONDIALE DES DOUANES

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The Secretary General

Brussels, 10 December 2009.

Dear Colleagues,

It is with regret that I inform you of the death of Michel Danet, former Secretary General of the World Customs Organization (1999 - 2008). Michel died this morning after an illness borne with great strength and dignity.

During his term as Secretary General, Michel advanced the cause and raised the profile of Customs worldwide. He made many friends in the course of his distinguished career in the French Customs Service and at the WCO. His passing will be mourned by the world Customs community.

I have expressed our sorrow and condolences to his family and we wish them every strength and courage at this sad time.

A memorial ceremony will take place on Friday 18 December 2009 at 11.00 a.m. at the Church of Notre-Dame de la Cambre, Rue de l'Abbaye de la Cambre, 1050 Brussels.

The family of Mr. Danet may be contacted at <a href="https://hommagesmicheldanet@yahoo.fr">hommagesmicheldanet@yahoo.fr</a> for expression of condolences.

Yours sincerely,

Kunio Mikuriya.