In honor of our long affiliation with Dr. Charles Wolf, Jr.—renowned economist, researcher, advisor to business and governments, educator, and tennis competitor nonpareil—the Pardee RAND Graduate School has established a special way for friends, supporters, colleagues, and alumni to express their deepest appreciation. Please join us in saying “Omedetou gozaimasu, Dr. Wolf.”

A Bold Idea

The idea of establishing a graduate school at RAND was a bold experiment when Charles was first approached to take charge of this new venture in 1970. But no one was more committed to bringing high-quality research and analysis to policymakers, and to training future generations of policy leaders, than Charles. And now, almost 45 years later, Pardee RAND—the only public policy graduate program specializing in the doctorate degree and the only one based at a public policy research organization—has grown into a preeminent school that provides a unique educational experience for a select group of students from around the world. As founding dean, he helped form Pardee RAND into the esteemed institution it is today, building its reputation and that of RAND itself through his prominence as wise strategist to leaders in business, academia, and public policy.

As a mentor, he insists that the Ph.D. candidates go far beyond the conventional wisdom of the moment. He pushes his students, faculty, peers, and the institution itself to go beyond short-term solutions and to anticipate emerging challenges.
Remarkable Accomplishment

In every aspect of public service, policy, and life in which he ventures, it may accurately be said of Charles, *Veni, vidi, vici*, as he excels in varied, multiple roles.

Early in his venerable career, Charles was a Foreign Service officer with the U.S. Department of State and taught economics and Asian and Far East studies at Cornell University and UC Berkeley. Later, in the mid-50s, he joined RAND, where he headed the Economics Department for more than a decade.

His pathbreaking analyses of the postwar, booming Asian economies—especially the rise of Japan’s economic might—have received praise for their clarity, insight, and balance. The government of Japan presented him with its highest honor for an academic, the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, saying he and his research helped promote the maturation of the U.S.–Japan relationship. The ceremonies for the Japanese award occurred at the office of the Foreign Ministry, followed by a reception with Emperor Akihito at the Imperial Palace.

He is a member of the American Economic Association, the Econometric Society, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. He has served on the boards of numerous prestigious organizations, including Capital Income Builder and Capital World Growth and Income Inc.

Tennis Anyone?

Is all this not sufficiently impressive without mention of yet another of his passions at which he also proves to be a marvel? With boundless energy and a wry smile, Charles continues to enjoy the camaraderie of all-comers, in several sets of tennis, as often as he can. Who knew that a policy master could be such an ace on the courts, too?

For all who know him and cherish the impact he has had, and continues to have, on so many and in such different ways, the Charles Wolf, Jr., Endowed Tribute Fund offers the special opportunity to salute a distinguished researcher and beloved colleague with a contribution that also helps to ensure that generations of Ph.D. candidates at Pardee RAND will receive the training and research tools to pursue the ideas and ideals he exemplifies.