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World;s oldest man ever dies at age 116

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USPA News - The world`s oldest man died in Japan at the age of 116 early Wednesday morning. Jiroemon Kimura, from Kyoto, Japan, died shortly after 2 a.m. local time at a local hospital in Kyotango, located in Kyoto Prefecture, from natural causes. According to the Guiness World Records, Kimura, born on April 19, 1987, was recognized as the older living person, oldest living man and the oldest man ever, becoming the first man ever to reach 116 years old.

The previous record had been set by Christian Mortensen of Denmark who lived to 115 and 252 days. Local media reported that Kimura had been hospitalized on a number of occasions during his last year after falling ill to pneumonia. In his youth, he worked at a local post office, in a communications unit of the Japanese colonial government on the Korean Peninsula, and farming, The Japan Times reported. With a motto of eating healthy food in small portions, Kimura, according to one of his nephews, aged 80, maintained good health and an appetite until his last week of life. The oldest person ever documented was Jeanne Calment, from Arles, France, who had a confirmed lifespan of 122 years and 164 days.

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