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Emeritus Professor Eiichi Fujita

On the 31st of March, 1985, Dr. Eiichi Fujita retired after having completed his 22 years of service at Kyoto University. On the following day, the University honored him with the title of Emeritus Professor.

Dr. Fujita was born in Osaka on the 2nd of February, 1922. He graduated from the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Kyoto University in 1943. After 2 years service as a naval pharmaceutical officer, he started his studies on alkaloid chemistry under supervision of Professor M. Tomita, Kyoto University. He received his doctoral degree from Kyoto University in 1952 for his studies on structure elucidation for bisbenzylisoquinoline alkaloids. He was appointed associate professor of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Tokushima University in 1951. He continued his research on natural product chemistry and was promoted to professor in 1954. In 1960, he made a leave stay at the University of Wisconsin, and worked on natural product chemistry in co-operation with the late Professor S. Morris Kupchan for 2 years.

In 1962, he moved to the Institute for Chemical Research, Kyoto University as full professor to direct the Physiological Activity Laboratory. He conducted extensive research in the field of organic chemistry on physiologically active natural products, developments of new organic reactions, and organic syntheses. He established the Cancer Drug Research Laboratory in 1983 when the Physiological Activity Laboratory was abolished. He developed a valuable new procedure of asymmetric synthesis and also several antitumor natural and synthetic organic compounds.

From the 1st of April, 1982 to the 31st of March, 1984, Dr. Fujita was appointed Director of the Institute and made a great contribution not only to the Institute but also to the University as a councilor.

He gave lectures on advanced organic chemistry at the graduate school of pharmaceutical sciences at Kyoto University and supervised the dissertation work of a number of graduate students.

His sincere and warm personality is respected by many friends, colleagues, present associates and students. This collection of papers is dedicated to Dr. Fujita to honor his long period of sincere service and retirement.

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