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## Emeritus Professor Megumi Tashiro

On the first of April, 1981, Dr. Megumi Tashiro retired, having completed 39 years of service at Kyoto University. He was granted the title of emeritus professor by the University on the following day.

Dr. Megumi Tashiro was born on December 19, 1917 in Tokyo. He graduated from the Department of Ceramics, Tokyo Institute of Technology in 1940 and then continued his studies on chemistry of glass and ceramics, as a graduate student, at the Department of Industrial Chemistry, the Faculty of Engineering, Kyoto University under the supervision of the late Professor Ikutaro Sawai. In 1942, he joined the member of the Institute for Chemical Research, Kyoto University, and worked on chemical durability of optical glasses. In 1944, he was appointed an assistant professor of Ceramic Chemistry, at the Institute for Chemical Research, Kyoto University.

After the World War II he was concerned with mechanism of adherence of porcelain enamels on steel surface. By these works, he earned his doctor's degree in engineering from Kyoto University in 1949 and received Japanese Ceramic Association Award.

From 1953 to 1956, on leave from Kyoto University, he stayed at Pennsylvania State University, U.S.A. as a visiting professor of ceramics. There, he worked on physical properties of glasses in co-operation with the late Professor W. A. Weyl.

In 1958 he was appointed a professor of Kyoto University and head of Laboratory of Ceramic Chemistry, Institute for Chemical Research of the University. He conducted extensive researches on fabrication processes, microstructures and properties of special glasses, glass-ceramics, fused and solidified ceramics and sintered ceramics. By these works, he received Science Award of the Kyoto Newspaper in 1963, Special Patent Award of Patent Association of Japan in 1967 and title of Fellow of the American Ceramic Society in 1968.

He has given lectures on non-crystalline solids since 1958 at the Graduate School of Technology, Kyoto University and supervised dissertation works of many graduate students. He has been a visiting instructor at several universities such as Nagoya University, Osaka University, Kobe University, Ehime University and Technological University of Nagaoka. He served as Director of the Institute and as a member of the University Council from 1978 to 1980, and made an enthusiastic effort for the development of the Institute and the University. He has been a regional editor of the Journal of Non-Crystalline Solids, and served as a member of International Commission on Glass. He was invited to present review papers on many international congresses. He has served as a trustee of the Ceramic Society of Japan and a member of Advisory Board of National Institute for Research in Inorganic Materials.

Owing to his sincere, thoughtful and warm personality, Dr. Tashiro wins the respect and friendship of those who come in contact with him.

This collection of papers by his colleagues, former and present associates and students is dedicated to Dr. Tashiro in honor of his retirement.

April, 1981



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