OBITUARY

Toshimitsu Odawara (1919 ~ 2004)

Dr. Toshimitsu Odawara, who died of a cerebral haemorrhage on 17 October 2004, was one of the main founding members of the Carcinological Society of Japan (CSJ) established on 7 April 1961.

Toshimitsu Odawara was born in Kagoshima Prefecture on 4 January 1919. He practised as an able medical doctor after he graduated from Jikei-Kai Medical College, Tokyo in October 1943. He also took a deep interest in Zoology, especially in Carcinology. His collection of decapod for research was no less than ten thousand specimens that are valuable and useful for carcinological studies undertaken by others.

In February 1961, T. Odawara established his private Museum named Odawara Carcinological Museum in his own hospital, for the initiation and encouragement of further study of Carcinology under prominent carcinologists. The office of CSJ was initially located in this museum.

As a council member, T. Odawara always played a decisive role in successful operation of the society.

Dr. T. Sakai, the first president of the society, reported a new anomuran species,

Lopholithodes odawarai Sakai, collected from Sagami Bay (Researches on Crustacea, No.10, 1980). Its specific name was dedicated to T. Odawara, in celebration of his sixtieth birthday. The badge of the society is modelled on this new species.

In August 1980, T. Odawara founded Odawara Crustacean Research Fund for young carcinologists. His contributions to the CSJ were immense. The society is appreciated highly both at home and abroad by carcinologists.

Although it is matter of regret that Odawara Carcinological Museum was closed, all his crustacean decapods collection is preserved safely in the Kanagawa Museum of Natural History.

Toshimitsu Odawara has left us a valuable legacy, including his collection of specimens, the Odawara Crustacean Research Fund and, above all, a healthy CJS that can promote future studies in carcinology. He will be sadly missed by all his friends and colleagues.

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