Obituary

It is with deep regret that we inform the readers of the KONA journal of the death of Professor Genji Jimbo, President of the Council of Powder Technology Japan and the former Editor-in-Chief of this Journal. He passed away on 27th May, 1999 at the age of 69, following a short illness. Within half a year we lost two great leaders of particle science and technology in Japan, Professors Jimbo and Iinoya.

Professor Jimbo was born in Tokyo on 10th July 1929. He graduated from the Doctor Course in the Department of Chemical Engineering of the University of Tokyo in 1958 and began his career as a Research Associate in the same university. He was a British Council Scholar for one year at Kings College, University of London, starting September 1961. He moved to Nagoya University, Department of Chemical Engineering, as an Associate Professor in 1966 and he was promoted to a full Professor in 1967. He retired from Nagoya University in 1993 and founded a consulting company called Chubu Powtech Plaza Laboratory. In 1994 he was appointed to a Professor of Gifu Keizai (Economics) University.

He was a distinguished leader and one of the founding fathers of particle science and technology in Japan. He served as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the Society of Powder Technology Japan from 1967-1976 and as President of this Society from 1989-1993. During his career, he was involved in numerous professional society committees. Among all his contributions to international societies were worthy of special mention. In 1986 he served as the Co-chairman of Organizing Committee for the 1st World Congress on

Particle Technology in Nurnberg, Germany. In 1990, he served as the Chairman of Organizing Committee for the 2nd World Congress on Particle Technology held in Kyoto, Japan. Professor Jimbo also served as editors or advisory boards of international journals such as: "Powder Technology", "Particle and Particle Systems Characterization", "KONA" and "Advanced Powder Technology". He was an international advisor of International Fine Particle Research Institute. In the last issue of this KONA journal he wrote in the obituary admiring Professor Iinoya's achievement in internationalization of Japanese particle science and technology. Professor Jimbo himself greatly contributed to the internationalization as Professor Iinoya did.

Throughout his career, Professor Jimbo was recognized for his achievements in the field of particle science and technology. In 1990 he received the Hausner Award from the Fine Particle Society during the 2nd World Congress on Particle Technology. He received the Iinoya Award posthumously in June, 1999. He also won the awards from the Society of Chemical Engineering in 1990 and from the Association of Powder Process Industry and Engineering in Japan in 1991. He was also recognized by the Japanese Government for his contributions to domestic, environmental protection.

We were surprised when he became a Professor of "Gifu Keizai (Economics) University". There he was teaching the subjects of: "History of Scientific Technique", "Resources and Environment" and "Introduction to Natural Science". His attainments qualified him to teach in these fields since his 200 publications include papers on these subjects.

He was conscientious in supervising young research workers. His questions and comments to young speakers in academic meetings were always acute and constructive. They were both stimulated and encouraged by him. He was respected and loved not only by young researchers but by everyone for his open minded character. Personally, I am privileged to have been influenced by him.

We lost a brilliant scientist who pioneered many aspects of particle science and technology and I, myself, lost a teacher whom I admired and respected.

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