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In Memory of Professor Jitsusaburo Sameshima

Professor Jitsusaburo Sameshima, professor emeritus of the University of Tokyo, honorary member and former president of the Chemical Society of Japan, passed away on 30 April 1973, at the age of 82. There is no need to mention his great contributions to the development of chemistry in Japan through his outstanding activities in research and chemical education. In particular, it should be remembered that Professor Sameshima was the virtual originator of the Bulletin of the Chemical Society of Japan, the first chemical periodical to carry articles mostly in English, but also in French and German. He emphasized the necessity of publishing the journal and worked, essentially alone, as the first editor-in-chief, taking care of the editing, proofreading, and delivery of the issues.

Since its first publication in January 1926, the Bulletin has gradually developed and acquired international recognition. The name of Professor Sameshima will always be remembered in association with the Bulletin of the Chemical Society of Japan. (For a biography of Prof. Sameshima, cf. This Bulletin, Vol. 23, No. 3, August, 1950).

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