

OBITUARY

TAKASHI MURACHI (1926–1990)

It is with great regret that we report the death of Professor Takashi Murachi, our Japanese Regional Editor, who died of a heart attack on May 12, 1990, aged 63 years.

He gained his MD in 1949 and his D Med Sci in 1957, both at Kyoto University, Japan when he was an Instructor in the department of Medicinal Chemistry (1952–1957).

In 1957, he travelled to Seattle, Washington, to take a post as a Research Associate, where he worked with Professor Hans Neurath in the Department of Biochemistry.

Returning to Japan, he became first an Associate Professor in the Department of Biochemistry at the Nagoya City University School of Medicine, and then Professor and Chairman.

In 1974 he moved to the Kyoto University Hospital to take up the post of Professor and Director of the Central Clinical Laboratory, posts he held until his death.

In 1984 he became Professor and Chairman of the Department of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine at the Kyoto University Faculty of Medicine.

In the year before he died, he also held the following posts:- Professor Emeritus at Kyoto University, Director of the Murachi Laboratory, Unitika Research Center, Uji, Kyoto, and Guest Professor at Kansai Medical University, Osaka and Fujita-Gakuen Health University, Aichi.

He was very active in many professional societies, including the Japanese Biochemical Society, of which he was President (1985–1986) and Supervisor (1987–1990) and the Japan Society of Clinical Chemistry (Member, Executive Committee, 1987–1990).

He will be greatly missed by his friends and fellow scientists.