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## The Oil Chemists' Society of Japan

THE PACIFIC OCEAN between us, America and Japan, does not change its immense area of 70 million square miles. However the distance is becoming shorter in consideration of the time necessary to cross it. Moreover the country in the Far East is now more intimately related with the new world than ever before.

The American Oil Chemists' Society has been very well known in Japan, especially through its journal by the name of Oil and Soap (1932-47). The American society is now publishing the 34th volume of its monthly journal. Our Japan Oil Chemists' Society is yet very young. Its journal is in its sixth year. Though young, it is the only Japanese journal exclusively devoted to the field of oil and soap.

The Journal of the Japan Oil Chemists' Society has changed its title name in Japanese and English to conform to the readers' needs. The table below shows the gradual growth of this new publication.

### HISTORY OF THE JOURNAL OF JAPAN OIL CHEMISTS' SOCIETY

Volume	Year	No. of issues	Japanese title	English title	Pages	Coverage
1	1952	4	Yushi Kagaku Kyōkaishi	Journal of the Oil Chemists' Society, Japan	212	Fats, fatty acids, detergents
2	1953	6	Yushi Kagaku Kyōkaishi	Journal of the Oil Chemists' Society, Japan	276	Fats, fatty acids, detergents
3	1954	6	Yushi Kagaku Kyōkaishi	Journal of the Oil Chemists' Society, Japan	302	Fats, fatty acids, detergents
4	1955	6	Yushi Kagaku Kyōkaishi	Journal of Japan Oil Chemists' Society	352	Fats, fatty acids, detergents
5	1956	6	Abura Kagaku	Journal of Japan Oil Chemists' Society	394	Plus petroleum

During growth much nutrition is needed. I hope that the American Oil Chemists' Society gives us valuable nutrients.

Although the journal is young, not so young is the Japanese industry or Japanese academic research in the field of fats, fatty acids, detergents, and petroleum.

THE JAPAN OIL CHEMISTS' SOCIETY now has about 1,200 individual members. Corporate members are cooperating financially to a considerable degree. The society has its general meeting in April every year. Throughout the year several meetings are held, where various, newer results in the field are presented by members and lectures are given by authoritative oil chemists. The Society is especially active in Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya.

Each issue of the Journal of the Japan Oil Chemists' Society contains one or two review articles, about 10 original papers, domestic and foreign news, Society news, and abstracts of foreign literature. The Journal is printed in Japanese, but the readers of the Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society are kept informed of the content of important papers through English abstracts provided regularly to the Abstracts Committee.

The Society's headquarters are located at the Department of Applied Chemistry, Faculty of Engineering, University of Tokyo, Motofujicho 1, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo. Officers are president—Yoshio Tanaka; and vice presidents—Tsutomu Kuwata, Yuzaburo Nagai, Yoshiyuki Toyama, and Seiichi Ueno.

It pleases us that Dr. Kuwata, one of the vice presidents, will be able to attend the American Oil Chemists' Society convention in Cincinnati. His visit should help to cement relations between our two organizations, and we are looking forward to his first-hand account of the meeting.

Thus the relationship between the two societies is becoming more and more friendly, both in exchange of information and personal contact. The Pacific Ocean may be truly peaceful on the basis of mutual understanding of learned societies and their member-peoples.

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