

Note by Regional Editors

We greatly welcomed the proposal that a special issue of this Journal dedicated to Professor M. Kumada should be brought out to mark his formal retirement from his post at Kyoto University. The holding of the VIIth International Symposium on Organosilicon Chemistry under his Chairmanship in Kyoto in September 1984 offered an ideal occasion for the issue.

The rapid and enthusiastic response to the invitations to organosilicon chemists to contribute to the issue, and the delivery of so many manuscripts on time, are a reflection of the very high esteem in which Professor Kumada is held around the world, as a scientist and as a person. He has been a greatly valued contributor to the Journal since its inception, a member of its Editorial Board since 1969, and the (first) Regional Editor for Japan since 1981, and we are grateful to him for all that he has done for it. We are proud to have been associated with him in the activities of the Journal, and we are glad to have this opportunity of extending to him our warmest good wishes for his future health and happiness.

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