

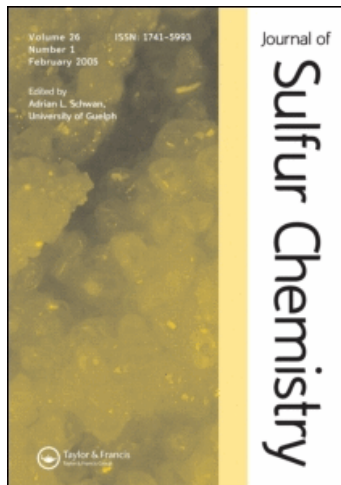
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Biography: Professor Juzo Nakayama



Professor Juzo Nakayama retired from Saitama University on 31 March 2008 at the age limit of 65. He has been serving as an Editorial Board member of the *Journal of Sulfur Chemistry* from the first issue, and has also worked as an Editorial Board member of *Sulfur Letters* and *Sulfur Reports*. He has done or been doing his part in the development of these three journals as a contributor of many papers to the journals, in addition to his efforts as an Editorial Board member. His first contribution is seen in the first issue of *Sulfur Lett.* **1982**, *1*, 25–28, and to date he is the author of 13 papers in *Sulfur Lett.*, five reviews in *Sulfur Rep.*, and three papers in *J. Sulfur Chem.* In addition, he has also served as the Far East Editor of *Heteroat. Chem.* and as an Editorial Board member of the *J. Synth. Chem.*, Japan, *Chem. Lett.*, and *Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn.*

Professor Nakayama was born on 29 March 1943 in Noda, a city famous for soy sauce production, in Chiba Prefecture. After he had obtained a BSc from Saitama University in 1965, he worked at a pharmaceutical company. In 1968, he had been admitted to the Graduate School of the University of Tokyo, where he was granted a PhD degree in 1973 under supervision of the late Professor Osamu Simamura. The title of his PhD thesis was “Studies on 1,2- and 1,3-dehydrobenzenes and replacement of amino group by hydrogen”. He believes that the greatest results of his thesis are concerned with generation and reactions of a biradical species, 1,3-dehydrobenzene (*meta*-benzynes), but these results have never been published. After that he was included in the group of the late Dr. Hiroshi Midorikawa of Riken (The Institute of Physical and Chemical Research), where he had his first encounter with the organic chemistry of sulfur, as he says in his article in

this issue. In 1975, he joined the Department of Chemistry of Saitama University as an assistant professor to work with Professor Masamatsu Hoshino for more than 15 years. During 1979–1980, he experienced the photooxidation study at the Department of Chemistry of Texas Christian University as a postdoctoral fellow of the Professor P.D. Bartlett group.

Professor Nakayama, after he had been promoted to a full professor in 1992, has devoted himself to administration matters as the head of the Department of Chemistry, as the head of the Faculty of Science, and finally as the university Vice-President for Research Affairs, in addition to his research and education as a professor. He is now a Professor Emeritus of Saitama University.

Professor Nakayama has rendered a great service to the ISOCS-22 (22nd International Symposium on the Organic Chemistry of Sulfur) as Chairman, which took place in Saitama, Japan, in August 2006, and he is currently a member of the International Organizing Committee of the Symposium. He received an award from the Society of Synthetic Organic Chemistry, Japan in 1980 and the International Council on Main Group Chemistry Award for Excellence in Main Group Chemistry (ICMGC Award) in 1995. As is evident from his article in this issue, his research interests included the chemistry of a range of sulfur-containing heterocycles, such as dithiiranes, thiirenes, dithietes, thiophenes, dithiins, etc., and sulfur-containing inner salts, and he is the author of more than 300 scientific publications.

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