

ICHIRO SAKURADA



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Ichiro Sakurada, considered by many to be the 'Father of Japanese polymer chemistry', died on 23 June 1986. He was 82.

Dr Sakurada graduated from the Department of Chemical Engineering at Kyoto University, Japan, in 1926, and later served as a researcher on the staff of the Research Institute of Physics and Chemistry and Kaiser Wilhelm Institute in Germany. In a long and successful career at the Department of Polymer Chemistry, Kyoto University, where he became Professor Emeritus, he taught from 1933 to 1967 and served as Faculty Director between 1965 and 1967. After retirement, he became a Professor at Doshisha University and Director of the Osaka Research Laboratory of the Japan Atomic Research Institute.

He was a member of the Japan Academy, served as President of the Japan Chemical Society and as President of the Polymer Society of Japan. He chaired and contributed to many major scientific meetings and was the author of a wide range of papers and books on polymer chemistry.

Among many honours, he received the Order of Cultural Merit and the Japan Academy Award.
