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### Dedicated to Professor Fumio Toda on the Occasion of His 67th Birthday

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## *Dedication to Professor Fumio Toda on the Occasion of His 67th Birthday*

Professor Fumio Toda was born in Kochi, Japan, in 1933. He received his Bachelor, Masters, and Doctorate degrees from Osaka University in 1956, 1958 and 1960 respectively. After staying at Osaka University for four years as an Instructor and in United States for two years as a postdoctoral fellow at University of Illinois and Clemson University, he obtained an Associate professorship at Ehime University in 1966. He was promoted to full Professor in 1972.

Professor Toda has developed new research fields of molecular recognition and reactions in the solid state. His new solid state chemistry is mainly based on his findings of easy molecular movement and chiral arrangement of achiral molecules in the solid state, and designing of simple novel host compounds. The widely varied results of Prof. Toda's work have been published in 350 original papers, 35 reviews, 15 books, and 120 patents. He was awarded the Synthetic Organic Chemistry Japan Award in 1988, the Chemical Society of Japan Award in 1993 and the Inoue Harushige Award in 1999. He retired from Ehime University in 1999 and moved to the Okayama University of Science.

We are therefore pleased and honoured to dedicate this issue on the occasion of his new start in chemistry at Okayama and his 67th birthday. This issue contains articles from chemists throughout the world who are friends and colleagues of Prof. Toda. We wish him continued success in his career.

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