

In Memoriam: Professor Tamotsu Tamura (1917–2009)

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Professor Tamotsu Tamura, an Honorary Member of the Japanese Society of Fisheries Science and a Professor Emeritus of Nagoya University, passed away on 12 February 2009, at the age of 91.

Professor Tamura was born on 11 May 1917 in Kanazawa City, Ishikawa Prefecture. After graduating from the Department of Fisheries, Faculty of Agriculture, Tokyo Imperial University in March 1941, he became a short-term scientist at the Fisheries Experiment Station of the Government General of Korea. He assumed the position of Research Associate of the Fisheries Laboratory (Shinmaiko and Ikawazu, Aichi Prefecture) of the Department of

Fisheries, Faculty of Agriculture, the University of Tokyo in September 1946. In August 1950, he was promoted to Associate Professor of the Fisheries Laboratory. In October 1952, he moved to become Associate Professor of the Faculty of Agriculture, Nagoya University, and was promoted to Professor in July 1958. After fulfilling several significant university positions, including Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, he retired from Nagoya University in March 1981 and was conferred the honor of Professor Emeritus. Following his retirement, he assumed the position of Professor in the Faculty of Marine Science and Technology, Tokai University. He retired from Tokai University in March 1991, after about 10 years service.

Professor Tamura intended to contribute to fisheries science by developing the foundations of fish physiology. He earned a PhD from the University of Tokyo on fish vision in 1956. In 1963, he received the Award of the Japanese Society of Fisheries Science. He introduced the electrophysiological technique for the sensory biology of fish and made new findings on eyes and pineal organs with graduate students. In 1977, he successfully edited *Introductory Fish Physiology*. He was also conferred the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold, and Silver Star by the government in 1991.

It is with deepest respect and sadness that we note the passing of Professor Tamura, who inspired many young people with his wide intellect and warm personality.

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