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Foreword

The present issue of the *Reports of Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University, Number 135* contains articles for commemoration of Emeritus Professor Shiro Imawaki, who finished his career at Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University in March 2008.

Professor Imawaki graduated from Kyoto University in 1968 and left the doctor course at Graduate School of Kyoto University in 1972 to become the Research Associate. He obtained the Doctor of Science from Kyoto University in 1984. Soon after he moved to Kagoshima University in 1990 as the Associate Professor, he joined to our institute in 1992 as the Professor. He served as the Director of the Institute during 2004 through 2007.

Professor Imawaki has been much involved in the development of deep-sea current measurements and use of satellite altimetry for ocean dynamics. He made great contributions to the research projects of the institute, including the ASUKA (Affiliated Surveys of the Kuroshio off Cape Ashizuri) project during 1993-1995 and the successive “Kuroshio Fluctuation Prediction Experiment” project that was conducted from 1997 to 2002 under the sponsorship of Japan Science and Technology Agency.

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