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Foreword

The present issue of the Reports of *Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University, Number 145* collects papers for commemoration of Emeritus Professor Tetsuo Yanagi, who finished his carrier at Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University in March 2013.

Professor Yanagi graduated from Kyoto University in 1972 and received master's degree from the Graduate School of Science of the same university in 1974. Then he became an assistant at Faculty of Engineering, Ehime University immediately. He obtained the doctor of science from Kyoto University in 1978. Doctor Yanagi became a professor in 1990 after successive promotions of lecturer and associate professor in Ehime University. Professor Yanagi moved to Dynamics Simulation Research Center of our institute in 1997. He has consecutively contributed to the administrations as the directors of Dynamics Simulation Research Center, Center for East Asian Ocean-Atmosphere Research, and Research Institute for Applied Mechanics.

Professor Yanagi devoted himself to coastal oceanography including its physical, chemical, biological, geological, environmental, historical, and societal aspects for more than half a century. The diversity of his research activity can be partly recognized by the tremendous number of papers, articles, and books published in his life. He has especially concerned the environment problems at the Seto Inland Sea since 1970s. Later, he made great contributions with a new concept "Satoumi" to the domestic and international research projects and coastal managements in the East Asian waters.

I want to express our sincere thanks to his outstanding activities and strong leadership in our research institute.

September 2013

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