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## Foreword

The present issue of the *Reports of Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University, Number 129* contains the articles for commemoration of Emeritus Professor Eiichi Kuramoto, who retired from Kyushu University in March 2005. Professor Kuramoto graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1965 and finished the doctor course at the University of Tokyo in 1970. After working at the University of Tokyo as the Research Associate for six years, he moved to our institute, Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University, as the Associate Professor. In 1984 he became the Professor of Kyushu University. He served as Trustee of Kyushu University during 1999 through 2002, and as Vice-Director of the Institute during 2004 through 2005. Professor Kuramoto has been much involved in the solid state physics and material science. He has made great contributions to the development of studies on lattice defects, especially radiation damage, and dislocations by using both experimental techniques and computer simulation. It is worthy of note that he advanced the comprehensive understanding of the interrelation between point defects and dislocations. His works also contributed to the development of fusion reactor materials.

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