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Foreword

The present issue of the *Reports of Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University, Number 133* contains the articles for commemoration of Professor Wataru Koterayama, who finished his career in the Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University in March 2007. Professor Koterayama graduated from Osaka University in 1967 and left the doctor course at the Graduate School of Osaka University in 1972. He moved to our institute, Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University, as the Research Associate in April 1972. He obtained the Doctor of Engineering from Osaka University in March 1975. In 1976 he became the Associate Professor of Kyushu University and in 1986 he became the Professor of Kyushu University. He served as the Director of the Institute during 2001 through 2004. Since April 2004, he has been the Vice President of Kyushu University. Professor Koterayama has been much involved in the development of underwater vehicles and buoy systems for ocean observations. He made great contributions to the research projects of the institute, including a wave rider buoy for measuring directional distribution of the wave energy, a spar buoy for wind and wave measurements, subsurface buoy systems for the ocean current observations, surface buoy systems for the research on the upper ocean mixed layer, and underwater robots for spatially continuous measurements of the ocean current and chemical properties such as dissolved carbon dioxide.

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