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## Foreword

The present issue of the *Reports of Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University, Number 137* contains articles for commemoration of Emeritus Professors Kohnosuke Sato and Naoaki Yoshida, who finished their career at Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University in March 2009.

Professor Sato graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1969 and obtained the Doctor of Science from the University of Tokyo in 1974 to become the Research Associate of the Plasma Institute, Nagoya University. He was promoted the Professor of the National Institute for Fusion Science in 1992 and joined to our institute in 1996 as the Professor.

Professor Yoshida graduated from Hiroshima University in 1968 and obtained the Doctor of Engineering from Osaka University in 1973 to become the visiting scientist of the Max-Planck Institute in Germany. He became the Research Associate of the Faculty of Engineering in Osaka University in 1978 and joined to our institute in 1980 as the Associate Professor. He was promoted the Professor in 1984.

Professors Sato and Yoshida made great contributions to the research projects of the institute, including the set up of the QUEST (Q-shu Univ. Exp. with Steady-state spherical Tokamak) project during 2005-2008. The main contribution of Prof. Sato was the long-term operation of plasma and that of Prof. Yoshida the mutual interaction between plasma and the wall material.

I want to express our sincere thanks to their long and successive activities in our institute.

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