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Foreword

The present issue of the *Reports of Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University, Number 139* contains articles for commemoration of Emeritus Professor Masayuki Oikawa, who finished his career at Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University in March 2010.

Professor Oikawa graduated from the Kyoto University in 1969 and became the lecturer of the Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University in 1974. He obtained the Doctor of Engineering from the Kyoto University in 1977. He was promoted the Professor of the Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University in 1987.

Professor Oikawa made great contributions to the research projects of the institute, including the organization of annual joint-use symposiums on nonlinear waves which have been held since 1998. The contribution of Prof. Oikawa to the management of the institute was the vice director of Research Institute for Applied Mechanics, Kyushu University from 2006 to 2008.

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

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