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## **SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM ISSUE DEDICATED TO PROFESSOR SHIGERU OAE**

This special issue of *Phosphorus and Sulfur* is dedicated to Professor Shigeru Oae of Tsukuba University, Japan, in honor of his contributions to the field of sulfur chemistry over the past four decades. Professor Oae is one of the most distinguished chemists of Japan and one of the best known sulfur chemists in the world. In rendering this timely tribute to such a distinguished scientist, the editors of this journal, members of its editorial board and numerous sulfur chemists throughout the world honor a man who counts many among them as personal and close friends.

Winner of the Asahi Science Research Award in 1969, Professor Oae also won the coveted Japanese Chemical Society Award in 1972 for his achievements in sulfur chemistry.

Professor Oae has traveled extensively throughout the world and has been the organizer of or participant in numerous symposia relating to sulfur chemistry. He has authored nearly a dozen books dealing with sulfur chemistry. Over the years, he has been a much sought-after speaker in numerous universities throughout the world. In his distinguished career he has worked in three different institutions in Japan, viz., The Radiation Center of Osaka Prefecture, where he was chairman of the chemistry department between 1958 and 1960; Osaka City University, where he was professor of chemistry between 1962 and 1973; and now Tsukuba University, where he has been Chairman of the Chemistry Department, Dean of Science and is currently Professor of Chemistry.

*Phosphorus and Sulfur* joins the international community of sulfur chemists in offering this tribute on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Tsukuba. We wish him many more years of active participation in sulfur chemistry and in the lives of all his friends and colleagues.

It is customary to cite a long list of publications of well-known scientists as a measure of their accomplishments. In the case of Professor Oae, the distinction lies not merely in the 450 scientific papers that he has authored and coauthored with his students and associates but in the numerous Ph.D. and Master's degree students he has trained over the years, many of whom occupy active positions in the academic institutions of Japan. A teacher's inspiration is exemplified by the students who try to emulate him, and in the case of Professor Oae, they have paid tribute to him through the excellent chemistry represented in the papers, dedicated in his honor, in this issue.

THE EDITORS