

## PASSING OF A PIONEER

### Professor Osamu Ishida (1931-2005)



Prof. Ishida passed away on June 20, 2005. I have a deep sorrow on his death because a great lymphologist has been lost. He graduated from Osaka University, School of Medicine in 1955, became a resident of the Department of Radiology of the university in 1960, Assistant Professor in 1965, and moved to Kinki University, School of Medicine in 1974 chairing the Department of Radiology. He was the president of the Kyoto Session of the 12<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Lymphology held in Japan in 1989 and also the president of the 19th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society of Lymphology in 1995. He was once one of the Executive Committee members of our society and one of the editors of our Journal Lymphology.

He was engaged in lymphography first and at that time most of the society members were lymphographers or radiologists. He attended our Society meetings since the 1st International Congress in Switzerland. We are proud because Kinki University has archived the abstracts of all International

Congresses of Lymphology from the beginning (I have all after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress).

His main interest was diagnosis of lymphatic diseases. I have worked with him on MRI diagnosis of lymphedema, and we presented papers together. He was rather calm and silent but had a strong passion for lymphology. I met him for the first time in 1972 during the Japanese Lymphology Congress. When I presented the papers on multiple or single origin of lymphoma, he mentioned something in criticism of my work. Since that time, we have been good friends and at the same time good rivals of each other.

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