

DR. SHIRO OSHIMA
(1934-1981)

Dr. SHIRO OSHIMA, Associate Professor of the Department of Medical Biology, Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Tsukuba, died on August 18, 1981. He was 47 years old.

Dr. OSHIMA, specialized in medical zoology, was an active member of the Japan Society of Sanitary Zoology. He made major contributions to the clarification of acarine fauna of house dust, employing his unique technique, ethylether/carbontetrachloride mixed solvent floatation-fractionation method, and incriminated *Dermatophagoides farinae* as a causative agent of bronchial asthma in 1969. He was awarded an honorable prize by the Japan Society of Sanitary Zoology for a series of the studies.

He was also an active member of the Japanese Association for Acarology, and was justly known by many associates as the "Locomotive of the Association and Domestic Acarology" for his energy and vitality.

Dr. OSHIMA made a trip to Europe and America in 1974, and visited leading acarological laboratories in Belgium, The Netherlands, France and the United States. Taking that opportunity, he had several joint works with European acarologists.

In addition to his activity in medical acarology, Dr. OSHIMA was once involved in the Japan-Philippine Medical Cooperation Project. During his stay in Leyte, Philippines, he found an unexpected localization of *Schistosoma japonicum* in the lungs of the field rat.

At Tsukuba, Dr. OSHIMA played important role in education and church community. He served all with sincerity and enthusiasm. His departure will be felt by those who were acquainted with him as well as by those who worked with him.

Dr. OSHIMA is survived by his wife, Mrs. REIKO OSHIMA, his son and daughters.

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