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INTRODUCTION

This issue, our twenty-second Annual Bulletin, is dedicated to Dr. Masayuki Sawashima on his sixtieth birthday and his retirement from the University of Tokyo. For this issue, we asked his friends and colleagues to contribute papers to this occasion. To our great pleasure, we have been able to receive many favorable responses and we would like to present this issue to him with warmth and gratitude.

Dr. Masayuki Sawashima celebrated his sixtieth birthday on November 3, 1987 and, according to the rules of the University of Tokyo, he retired from the University on the last day of March, 1988.

Dr. Sawashima was born in 1927 and graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Tokyo in 1952. After a one-year internship, he entered the Department of Otorhinolaryngology of the University of Tokyo. The Director of the Department at that time was Prof. Ichiro Kirikae. Dr. Sawashima participated in both clinical and research works, particularly in research on the physiological mechanism of sound conduction in the middle ear.

In 1959, Dr. Sawashima presented his doctoral thesis, "An Experimental Study of Bone Conduction with Impaired Mobility at the Oval and the Round Windows", and received the degree of Doctor of Medical Science (DMS). Since that time, he has given priority in his work to logopedics and phoniatics.

In 1961, Dr. Sawashima was nominated to participate in a symposium on "Cleft lip and cleft palate" at the Annual Meeting of the Japan Society of Otorhinolaryngology held at Nagasaki. He reported on the topic of "Speech rehabilitation of cleft palate and its postoperative speech therapy". He was still a research associate at that time, and it was quite unusual for such a young person to be nominated to participate in such an important meeting.

In 1962, he became a clinical instructor of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology of the University of Tokyo. He also was placed in charge of surgery for cleft palate and related pathologies.

In 1965, the Research Institute of Logopedics and Phoniatics (RILP) was established at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Tokyo, and Dr. Sawashima was invited to become an Associate Professor in the Section of Speech Science under Prof. Osamu Fujimura. After moving to the RILP, he started his famous work using a flexible fiberscope. In 1968, he was invited to Haskins Laboratories, New York City, as a visiting research scientist, where his research work continued. For his great contribution to progress in laryngeal physiology, he received the Gould Award in 1973.

After coming back to Japan in 1970, the Second Section of Speech Physiology was established at the RILP and Dr. Sawashima was promoted to the position of Professor in this Section in 1971. In 1973, Prof. Fujimura moved to Bell Laboratories, and Dr. Sawashima became the Director of the RILP. He held that position for 12 years, during which the RILP continued to expand.

Dr. Sawashima has always been an excellent researcher, as well as a great clinician. Also, he has been a prominent leader in the field of logopedics and phoniatics, not only in Japan but also in the world. In addition to his research and educational work, he has served as a principal member of many academic societies, including the International Association of Logopedics and Phonitrics (IALP). In 1986, he contributed greatly as the General Secretary to the success of the IALP Congress held in Tokyo.

Upon his retirement from the University of Tokyo, we would like to praise his accomplishments, and we all wish him health and happiness in the future.

Last but not least, we would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to our contributors for articles of such a high quality in honor of Dr. Sawashima.

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