

In Memoriam Syuzo Egusa

Professor Emeritus Syuzo Egusa passed away on May 17, 2007. He was 87 years old. Born on January 8, 1920, in Hyogo Prefecture, Japan, he graduated from the Department of Fisheries, Faculty of Agriculture, Tokyo Imperial University, in September 1943. Thereafter, he attended the graduate school at the same university. He became an Associate Faculty member of Hiroshima University in August 1948. In May 1968, he was made a Professor of the Department of Fisheries, Faculty of Agriculture, at the University of Tokyo. He retired from the University of Tokyo in March 1980 and was conferred the honor of Professor Emeritus. Subsequently, Syuzo Egusa became a Professor at the Nippon Veterinary and Life Science University, where he continued to educate the next generation until his retirement in March 1984.

Professor Egusa was an authority on fish infections caused by bacteria, viruses, parasites and fungi, as well as on environmental and physiological fish diseases. He published many books and papers and founded the Japanese Society of Fish Pathology. The Society began as Japan Research Group of Fish Pathology (Gyobyō Kenkyudankai), of which he was president for a long time. He achieved national recognition for excellence in teaching and research, notably the Japan Prize of Agricultural Science in 1982 and the Medal with Purple Ribbon in 1984.

Professor Egusa was responsible for bridging Japanese and American fish pathology, thereby increasing research collaboration between the two countries in the field of fish diseases. In recognition of his invaluable contributions to research in America, he was



Professor Dr. Syuzo Egusa (1920–2007)

awarded the S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award by the Fish Health Section of the American Fisheries Society in 1985.

Professor Egusa was an outstanding educator of many students who are now very active in the field around the world.

Professor Dr. Syuzo Egusa will be sorely missed.

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