

## IN MEMORIAM: PROFESSOR MASAMI FUKUSHIMA (October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1963 – December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016)

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Dr. Masami Fukushima, a member of IHSS died on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the age of 53.

He had worked on research focusing functions of humic substances in soil and aquatic environments since 1988, the results were published in more than 120 original articles in several journals.

In 2006, he arrived at Hokkaido University as an Associate Professor, and established the Laboratory of Chemical Resources. For his sincere personality and trustworthy education, he had been respected by not only the students, but also many collaborate researchers.



He was familiar to catalytic chemistry, he developed many catalysts achieved decompose organic pollutants. In these studies, he had always investigated the influence of humic substances to the catalytic performances. He had also researched about functions of humic substances on macroalgal and plant growths.

He had always discussed and experimented fun with his students. I remember that his students were excited by hearing his big next work plan that try to an energy creation. Even after he passed away, I still hear from many people the desire to work with him. His works, educations and respectable personality will be in our memory, and will contribute to our studies.

*Dear my master, I offer you my feelings of condolence, respect and gratitude.*

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