

INTRODUCTION

This issue, our twenty-seventh Annual Bulletin, is dedicated to Dr. Hajime Hirose on his sixtieth birthday and his retirement from the University of Tokyo. To acknowledge his accomplishments, we held an International Symposium on "Speech Production and Communication Disorders" (March 2-5, 1993, Tokyo) and we asked the participants of the symposium to contribute papers to this issue. To our great pleasure, we received many excellent papers, for which we are very grateful.

Dr. Hajime Hirose celebrated his sixtieth birthday on January 3, 1993, and according to the rules of the University of Tokyo, he retired from the University on the last day of March 1993.

Dr. Hirose was born in 1933 and graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Tokyo in 1957. After a one-year internship, he entered the graduate school of the faculty of medicine of the University of Tokyo. The Director of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology at that time was Prof. Ichiro Kirikae. Dr. Hirose participated in both clinical and research work, particularly in research on laryngeal physiology. In 1962, Dr. Hirose presented his doctoral thesis, "Afferent Impulses in the Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve in the Cat", and received the degree of Doctor of Medical Science (DMS).

Later, Dr. Hirose worked as a research and clinical associate of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology of the University of Tokyo Hospital. He also attended New York City University as a resident in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology. During this period he contributed greatly to research, education and clinical work in the field of logopedics and phoniatrics, as well as general laryngology.

In 1965, the Research Institute of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (RILP) was established at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Tokyo, and in 1967 Dr. Hirose was invited to become a Research Associate in the Section of Speech Science under Profs. Osamu Fujimura and Masayuki Sawashima. After moving to the RILP, he started his extensive work in the field of speech science. In 1970, he was invited to Haskins Laboratories, New York, as a visiting research scientist, where he contributed greatly (under Dr. Franklin S. Cooper, Director) to the establishment of physiological studies of speech.

In 1970, the Second Section of Speech Physiology was established at the RILP, and in 1972 Dr. Hirose was promoted to the position of Associate Professor in this section. His series of studies on the "Physiology of Laryngeal Features in Various Languages" conducted at Haskins Labs and RILP during this period is world-famous.

Since the founding of the RILP, the establishment of a Section of Speech Pathology was considered very important for the development of logopedics and phoniatics in Japan. Dr. Hirose also played a significant role in this project. Owing to his efforts, the Section of Speech Pathology was established in 1983, and he became a professor of that section. In 1985, he became the director of the RILP, and since that time he contributed greatly to the further development and expansion of the activities of the RILP. In particular, Dr. Hirose's research activities in the field of Speech Pathology came to cover not only voice disorders but also more central disorders such as dysathria and aphasia. For his great contribution to the field of speech science, he received the Emanuel Garcia Award in 1992.

Dr. Hirose has always been an excellent researcher, as well as a great clinician. 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 Phoniatics (IALP).

Upon his retirement from the University of Tokyo, we would like to wish Dr. Hirose health and happiness as well as further success of his research and to present this issue to him with warmth and gratitude.

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