

NARISHIGE WEB NEWS

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In memory of Eiichi Narishige, the founder of “NARISHIGE”

Eiichi Narishige, the founder of Narishige Group, passed away at 1:10 a.m. on November 2nd, 2011. He was 92 years old. We express our deep regret and inform you of the loss of the founder of our company.

Narishige Group was originated from individual collaborations between Eiichi Narishige and pioneering researchers and developed to the present brand. We commemorate the founder of our company and follow his footsteps in this Web News.

Biography

Eiichi Narishige was born on October 1st, 1919 in Nagasaki prefecture in Japan. He entered into the services of engineering in Physiology, School of Science, the University of Tokyo, and engaged in development and production of laboratory equipment together with researchers at that time. In this period of life, he had opportunities to meet many researchers who were going to lead science society in Japan.

In 1953, Physiological Society of Japan introduced microelectrode method which had been developed by researchers in the U.K. and U.S.A. It made him establish Narishige Seisakusho (or Works) Ltd. to embark on the first domestic production of mechanical equipment related to microelectrode method. In Narishige Seisakusho, he responded to requests from many researchers with his best techniques and enthusiasm, and won trust from customers. This philosophy is inherited to our present corporate philosophy “Be a machine shop of the world.”

In 1956, he embarked on industrial production of micromanipulators and stereotaxic instruments on a full scale, and in 1958, reorganized the company to Narishige Scientific Instrument Laboratory. In this company, he pursued provision of laboratory equipment to researchers as the president of the company.



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In 1969, he embarked on development of oil-hydraulic micromanipulator to provide a solution for eliminating hand vibration problem which was the largest obstacle in micromanipulation of that time. 1970's was the new era of biotechnology, and micromanipulation technique coincidentally started drawing attention.

In 1983, according to significant development of biotechnology field including genetic recombination and microinjection, he developed a joystick micromanipulator which allowed three-axis movement in a single joystick operation by progressing the technology of oil-hydraulic micromanipulator.

In 1982, he founded Narishige Neuroscience Research Foundation, and then in 1991, he also founded The Narishige Zoological Science Award, for assisting young researchers.

In 1985, according to conceptual breakthrough of microscopy from observing samples to handling samples, he founded Narishige Co., Ltd. to strengthen cooperation between microscope companies. He also established an office in the U.S.A. and in the U.K. to improve after-sales service, and conducted vigorous sales in the international market, that made Narishige to a global name.



He was so energetic, and responded with his unique invention and creative mind to researchers who brought varied requests. This spirit is inherited to present Narishige staffs.

In 2003, the company accomplished 50th anniversary which proved high commendation from researchers in the world for the past half-century. We all Narishige staffs sincerely buckle to our jobs to maintain the customer trust.

Farewell Ceremony



On December 8th, 2011, a farewell ceremony was held in a ceremony hall in Tokyo. We express thanks to everyone who attended to the ceremony in cloudy and chilly weather.

We received heartfelt condolence speeches from longstanding customers and were able to listen to memories and stories they had with the founder.

All Narishige staffs felt again his great achievement and his beloved character he possessed, we reconfirmed to make a concerted effort to our jobs to maintain his mind and spirit.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact us.

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