

笹月健彦先生を偲ぶ海外の研究者からの追悼メール

From: **Andrew McMichael**

Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:48 PM

Dear Yasu and Friends

Thank you for your email with the very sad news about Takehiko

I had the privilege of working as a postdoc alongside Takehiko in Hugh McDevitt's lab for two years in the 1970s. That was a wonderful time during which we developed a deep friendship. We had many joint family outings, parties and dinners. They seem like they happened last week although it is now nearly 50 years since. There was always much laughter, good food wine and whisky, music from Tatsu and conversation about everything.

Takehiko and I worked closely with the wonderful Rose Payne who taught us about HLA and allowed us to study blood from her amazing collection of families. This often involved Takehiko and I driving around the Bay area at 5 am to collect breakfast time blood samples from families before they went to work. We used the mixed lymphocyte reaction to type and learn about HLA-D, a crude method by today's standards but which accurately defined the major class II haplotypes and enabled some early HLA and disease associations to be identified.

After leaving Stanford we met up almost every year in Japan, USA or Europe, often as part of Hugh's extended lab family. Takehiko's hospitality in Japan was legendary with fabulous dinners, too much sake or whisky and occasional karaoke. He loved treating us to Fugu banquets, assuring us that the local clinic had an antidote, though later revealing that they only had five doses for the 20 of us.

His science was outstanding and he was preeminent in Immunogenetics making major contributions. In recent years he and I did not meet so often, but he was one of those friends who with whom one could pick up the threads instantly whenever we met. I have so many fond memories.

Please extend Kate's and my deepest sympathies to all his family and friends. He will always be remembered by us all for the lovely times we had together.

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The International Symposium on MHC and Immune Response in Tokyo in 1983

From: Dominique Charron

Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:08 PM

Dear Yasu and Friends

This is a very sad news to all of us.

Takehiko was a wonderful friend. I met him first as part of the McDevitt extended family and we became immediately close friends. I remember well the famous Fugu dinner attended by many of us. Also the “DP” dinner which for Takehiko meant “Dom Perignon” is a memorable event. I had a wonderful week in Okinawa with Takehiko, Tatsu and our friend, the late Jonh Hansen. We went deep sea fishing and had the tuna we had caught for dinner. The sense of humor of Takehiko was always a great joy.

I feel very sad. Going often to China I had plan to visit him but Covid did not allows. Takehiko came often to Paris and we sample together many Michelin stars restaurant. He will be remembered as a great scientist, a great friend and a truly international ”honnête homme“. Please convey my profound sympathy to Tatsu and his family and friends.

Best regards to all

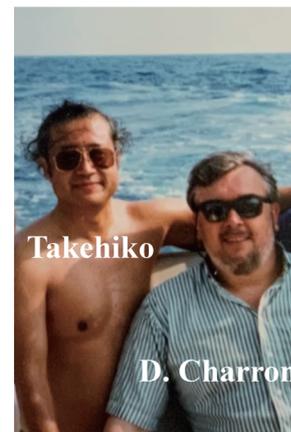
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Dominique, John, Takehiko and his wife Tatsu in Okinawa in 1994.

From: James McCluskey

Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:11 PM

Dear Yasu

What very sad news to hear about Takehiko's death.

He was a very much admired friend and colleague. His science was outstanding and deep. He was a leader among his peers, always generous and constructively critical. His hospitality and warm personality were particular features of his presence. I was his guest on many occasions, including the international workshop in Yokohama and several Hot Springs symposia in Southern Japan. I recall a wonderful dinner in Fukuoka with carefully selected wines of great quality to match the French cuisine of the evening. Takehiko was in his element. There was a cheeky, boyish humour in Takehiko and I always found this lively and fun. His sense of humour was sometimes confronting, especially when bathing in the hot springs.

He will be remembered and missed by colleagues who have been privileged to know him. This includes a huge international audience of scientists.

Our thoughts and condolences to his family and friends from the whole Australian community involved in HLA and immunogenetics.

Sincerely

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James McCluskey at “the Centennial of Hashimoto Disease” organized by Takehiko in Fukuoka in 2012