

## **Fumio Matsumura (5 February 1934 – 6 December 2012)**

Born in Japan, Fumio Matsumura received his Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Biology in 1957 from the University of Tokyo. He then moved to Canada where he obtained his MSc in entomology in 1959 from the University of Alberta (Supervisor W.G. [Bill] Evans) and his PhD in entomology from the University of Western Ontario in 1961 (Supervisor A.W.A. [Tony] Brown). He joined the University of California Davis faculty in 1987 as Associate Director of the Toxic Substances Program and later served as Director of the Center for Environmental Sciences.

Throughout his career, Dr Matsumura was an author on >400 publications, including his classic textbook, *Toxicology of Insecticides*, first published in 1975. As well, he was for many years Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Pesticide Biochemistry*