

## YOSHITSUGU TARUI

Born in Kyoto, June 16, 1931, our colleague, Y. Tarui, passed away in the same city on August 7, 1978. He was a science and biology teacher at various schools, including the Kyoto Youth Scientific Education Center, a Founder Member of the Kansai Research Group of Odonatology (Osaka), and member of numerous other professional societies, including the Society of Odonatology (Tokyo) and the Kyoto Konchu Dokokai.

As a teacher he had the opportunity to transfer his enthusiasm for odonatology to many of his students; quite some members of the Tokyo odonatological society went through his "odonatological school" during their youth.

The late Mr. Tarui has published a number of papers, of which the following deal entirely or in part with dragonflies (all in Japanese):

1955. (KAWAKATSU, M. & —) A travelogue on a Planaria study. 3. Yakushima Is. *Saishuto-shiiku* 17: 267-273.
1956. (NAKANE, T., M. SASAGAWA, K. TSUKAMOTO, H. KISHII & —) *A guide to the insect collecting sites in Kinki District*. Kyoto Ent. Soc., Kyoto. 56 pp.

1958a. Dragonflies of Kyoto. *Akitu* 7: 65-70.

1958b. (KAWAKATSU, M. & —) A travelogue on a Planaria study. 4. Tsushima, part 2. *Saishuto-shiiku* 20: 236-241.

1964a. Dragonflies and cicadas of Kyoto. In: Kyoto Shizenkenkyukai [Eds.], *Nature of Kyoto, Rokugatsu-sha*, Osaka, pp. 30-33.

1964b. Visiting the Northern Mountains. In: Kyoto Shizenkenkyukai [Eds.], *Nature of Kyoto, Rokugatsu-sha*, Osaka, pp. 77-88.

1964c. A living fossil, *Epiophlebia superstes*. In: Kyoto Shizenkenkyukai [Eds.], *Nature of Kyoto, Rokugatsu-sha*, Osaka, p. 98.

The obituaries for him have appeared in *Gracile* 1979 (24): 37-38 (with a photograph), and in *Selysia* 8 [1979] (2): 8.

The late Mr. Tarui will be sadly missed by a great many odonatologists in Japan and elsewhere, but his name will for ever remain associated with "his" *Davidius moiwanus taruii* Asahina & Inoue, which he has discovered on May 21, 1955 at Katsuragawa in the Shiga Prefecture.

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