

Biographical Information

Kiiti Morita

February 11, 1915 August 4, 1995

Birth

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Kiiti Morita was born at Hamamatsu-shi in Shizuoka Prefecture (250 kilometers southwest from Tokyo) as a son of Kouei Morita, father and Shizu Morita, mother. His father, Kouei Morita worked as a financial director for the Tenryu Transportation Company, one of the businesses of Meizen Kinbara, a famous charitable person for the flood control project of Tenryu River.

Education

1927-1932	First Prefectural Middle School of Hamamatsu
1932-1936	Tokyo Higher Normal School, Department of Science I
1936-1939	Tokyo University of Science and Literature, Mathematics

Tokyo Higher Normal School and Tokyo University of Science and Literature were succeeded by Tokyo Education University and thereafter by University of Tsukuba.

Degree

Ph.D. in science from University of Osaka in June, 1950

Chief Examiner: Dr. Kunugi

Associate Examiner: Dr. Shoda and Dr. Terasaka

His doctoral thesis was on topology. Though he studied algebra first in his university age, he was interested in topology and was studying it by himself at the same time.

Employment

1939-1941	Assistant, Tokyo University of Science and Literature
1941-1941	Lecturer, Tokyo Higher Normal School
1941-1942	Assistant Professor, Tokyo Higher Normal School
1943-1951	Professor, Tokyo Higher Normal School
1951-1952	Professor, University of Science and Literature
1952-1976	Professor, Tokyo Education University
1976-1978	Professor, University of Tsukuba, Mathematics
	(Professor Emeritus, University of Tsukuba, 1978-)

1978-1985 Professor, Sophia University, Mathematics

<Concurrent Post>

1941-1943 Assistant, Tokyo University of Science and Literature

1949-1952 Professor, Tokyo Education University

1952-1961 Professor, Tokyo University of Science and Literature

1972-1972 Council, Tokyo Education University

1976-1978 Professor, Tokyo Education University

<Part-time Lecturer>

1966-1974 Tokyo Education and Liberal Arts University (Graduate School)

1966-1967 University of Nagoya, Department of Science

1968-1969 University of Shizuoka, Department of Science

1969-1970 University of Ehime, Department of Science

1971-1972 University of Osaka, Department of Science

1972-1973 University of Yamaguchi, Department of Science and Literature

1973-1974 University of Hokkaido, Department of Science

1973-1974 University of Kobe, Department of Science

1975-1976 University of Kagawa, Department of Education

1976-1977 University of Shizuoka, Department of Science

1977-1978 University of Okayama, Department of Science

1978-1979 University of Yamaguchi, Department of Science

1979-1980 University of Shizuoka, Department of Science

1980-1981 University of Shizuoka, Department of Science

Member of Committees

1960-1963 Liaison Committee of Mathematical Research,
Japan Science Council

1966-1972 Council of University Establishment,
Ministry of Education

1971-1979 School Inspection Committee of Science,
Ministry of Education

Editor of Journals

1960-1993 Member of Advisory Board of "Topology and its applications"

1950-1995 Reviewer of "Zentralblatt für Mathematik" published in
Germany

1983-1995 Honorary Editor of "Questions and Answers in General
Topology"

Membership of Academic Society

Japan Mathematical Society

(He served as a councilor, an editorial member of the journal and so on for a long time and retired from the society in March of 1995.)

Overseas Lectures

- (1) The three month's lecture as the Andrew Mellon Professor at the University of Pittsburgh (1970)
- (2) The invitational lectures at conferences in Seattle, Washington, and Park City, Utah (1971)
- (3) The commemorative lecture for 500 years anniversary of University of München and the invitational lecture at the conference in Hungary (1972)

Awards (Decoration)

The Senior Grade of the Fourth Court Rank (1995)

The Third Order of Merit with the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun (1988)

Major Academic Contributions in Mathematics

- Morita Equivalence and Duality (1958)
- Localization Theory (1970)
- Dimension Theory (1954)
- Theory of Product Spaces (1961, 1964)
- Shape Theory (1975)