



Prof. Maruyama at his retirement party 2008, Kyoto.

# Preface

This issue of Kyoto Journal of Mathematics and the one that follows are dedicated to Professor Masaki Maruyama, who passed away on April 10, 2009. Professor Maruyama was born in Aichi prefecture, Japan on October 5, 1944. He graduated from Kyoto University in 1967. He was a professor in the department of mathematics from 1990 until 2005 and played an important role in the privatization of national universities in 2004. In 2005, he was appointed as an executive director of Kyoto University, and he moved to Doshisha University as a professor in 2008.

Professor Maruyama is particularly famous for his fundamental works on the moduli spaces of vector bundles. The moduli space he constructed now becomes an important building block not only in algebraic geometry but also in many related fields such as mathematical physics.

As a successor of Professor Nagata in Kyoto University he mentored many mathematicians. The Japanese editors of these issues are among them. Professor Maruyama was a man of great vitality, and he has many friends in the world. Many mathematicians sent us their articles for these memorial issues. Professor Narasimhan kindly wrote for us a short exposition on the mathematical work of Maruyama. We thank all the people who have contributed in various ways to these memorial issues.

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