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## PROCEEDINGS AT THE 856TH GENERAL MEETING

The 856th General Meeting of the Academy was held on Wednesday, February 12, 1992, at 1:05 p.m., Dr. Yoshitaro WAKIMURA, President, taking the chair. Eighty-two members were present, and the following communications were made:

Technology in China — Magic mirror and Ssunan Kiyosi Yabuuti, M. J. A.
Recent developments in private international law relating to succession
Sueo Ikehara, m. j. a.
The structure of compactifications of $C^3$
Communicated by Heisuke HIRONAKA, M. J. A.
Inhibitory effects of caffeine on contraction of depolarized smooth muscle
Shigeru Yamashita
Alterations in the response to calcium and nicardipine in the hypercalcitoninemic
rats raised from parathyroid-transplanted parents
Above two, communicated by Setsuro Ebashi, M. J. A.
The Aitken-Steffensen formula for systems of nonlinear equations. V
Tatsuo NoDA
A remark on the class-number of the maximal real subfield of a cyclotomic field. II
Kostant's theorem for a certain class of generalized Kac-Moody algebras
Satoshi NAITO
Above three, communicated by Shokichi IYANAGA, M. J. A.
Stereo- and enantio-selective topochemical photoreactions. A model of the
generation of chiral homogeneity in nature
Communicated by Seizo Okamura, M. J. A.

After a recess during which the members present met in their respective Sections, the General Meeting was resumed for business transactions.

First, the President announced that Dr. Yoshio KATO, M.J.A., had passed away on January 28, 1992. The members rose from their seats in silence, expressing profound sense of griefs.

Next, Dr. Akira MIKAZUKI, M.J.A., paid a tribute of admiration to the late Dr. Tsunahiro KIKUI's meritorious services to academic circles.

Then, the Chairmen of both Sections made reports of the matters dealt with at the respective Sectional Meetings.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.