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Shigeo Sasaki, professor emeritus of Tôhoku University and former managing editor of this journal for many years, passed away in Tokyo on August 14, 1987. It is with great sorrow and regret for us to report this sad news in less than a year after the passing of another former editor Professor Tadao Tannaka.

Professor Sasaki was born in Matsuyama in Yamagata prefecture on November 18, 1912. He graduated from Tôhoku Imperial University in March, 1935 receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. He was appointed to lecturer in Mathematics at Tôhoku Imperial University in December, 1936, promoted to assistant professor in June, 1944 and full professor in December, 1946. In the meantime, Tôhoku Imperial University conferred on him in July, 1943 the degree of Doctor of Science in Mathematics. In 1947, the university was renamed Tôhoku University, which he continued to serve as full professor until his retirement in March, 1976. From then until his death he served as professor at the Science University of Tokyo. In October, 1985 he was decorated with the Second Order of the Sacred Treasure.

His interest in mathematics lied in global differential geometry. As he himself amply explained in

> Notes on my mathematical works, in *Shigeo Sasaki Selected Papers* (Shun-ichi Tachibana, ed.), Kinokuniya, Tokyo, 1985, 3–27,

he worked and published many papers on the following eleven topics:

1. Equivalence problems on plane curves in Lie's higher circle geometry and on minimal curves in conformal geometry.
2. Geometry of conformal connections.
3. Holonomy groups.
4. Boundary value problem for certain second order ordinary differential equations.
5. Minimal number of points of inflection on closed curves in the projective plane.
6. Global formulation of the fundamental theorem for surfaces in the three-dimensional Euclidean space.
7. Differential geometry of tangent bundles for Riemannian manifolds.
8. Total curvature of closed curves.
9. Contact Riemannian manifolds.

10. Characterization of contact transformations.
11. Complete surfaces with Gaussian curvature zero in S^3 and H^3.

He is noted in particular for the so-called Sasakian metrics on tangent bundles on Riemannian manifolds and Sasakian manifolds among Riemannian manifolds with almost contact structures. The latter are odd-dimensional analogues, rich in interesting geometry, of Hodge manifolds in even dimension and has been playing important roles in differential geometry and topology.

He visited the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton from September, 1952 till May, 1954.

He served as member of the board of directors of the Mathematical Society of Japan as well as many other important committees.

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