

# Testimonial to Professor Harano

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Pressing personal circumstances unfortunately prevent me from offering an essay to honor Professor Harano's retirement from the University of Hiroshima. However, I cannot let this occasion pass by without offering a testimonial to our distinguished colleague and sincere friend.

I have known Professor Harano for many years, having the pleasure of meeting him at international scholarly conferences, where his participation always added to both the pleasure and learning shared. His impeccable scholarship coupled with a sensitive imagination was the source of his many valuable contributions to our field. His co-edited *Roman de Renart* is a masterpiece of this genre of scholarship and is widely appreciated. His insightful interpretations, his keen organizational skills and his congenial personality made him a most welcome participant at our gatherings.

He has also been an ambassador for old and modern Japanese culture. My husband's and my visit to Hiroshima remains one of the highlights of our many visits to Japan. As he prepares to embark on new endeavors I wish him every success, with the hope of meeting him again.

Sincerely,

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