

# Preface

In April 2016, Prof. Sadaaki Miyamoto retired from the University of Tsukuba. He was born in Osaka in 1950. He obtained his Ph.D. from Kyoto University in March 1978. He joined the University of Tsukuba in 1978 (until 1990) and then again from 1994. During 1990–1994, he was Professor in the University of Tokushima. During these years, he had a fruitful career producing some inspiring works.

We have prepared this book as a token of appreciation to him. The book collects chapters written by colleagues and friends of Miyamoto. Authors of these chapters have met Miyamoto in different occasions and all wanted to express their appreciation.

The book includes a first chapter that presents an introduction on when we met Miyamoto, a personal outline of some of his works, and a description of the contents of the book. Then, the book contains its chapters divided into four parts that roughly correspond to the terms in the title of the book.

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