See you again, though I don't know when

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Last December, Professor Yoshinobu Tsujimoto informed me his retirement from Osaka University at the end of FY2012 via e-mail. At that moment, his message was not very easy to accept, for I believed that he was still young mentally and physically. Stupidly what I thought is: his period might be extendable if my message sending to him would be delayed.

In earlier days, as our research topics were a little bit different, I didn't have many chances to talk with him. While attending various engineering meetings, I used to find that he eagerly but calmly presented his contributions at a good speed. There was such an occasion that he frankly requested Prof. H. Ohashi, one of attendants in the session, to state his view during discussion after presentation. Time passed and a committee meeting of Turbomachinery Society of Japan might be a lucky opportunity for me to get acquainted with him. His ideas for both general and special matters are quite understandable for me. They are principally based on "flexible", "generous", "friendly" and "elegant". And lots of hard issues have been solved by his gentle smile, I could say.

Though Prof. Tsujimoto completes his services in Osaka University at the end of March, 2013, I believe it doesn't mean his retirement from research and education. He will conduct his further research on a new stage enjoyably and show us useful results as well. As hydraulic turbine is one of his interests in recent days fortunately, I will be able to have a chance to listen to his presentation some day. Prof. Tsujimoto is a real engineering scientist in the fluid engineering field.

Lastly, I intend to reproduce Prof. Tsujimoto's following message stated in the review paper "Moment whirl due to leakage flow in the back shroud clearance of a rotor" of International Journal of Fluid Machinery and Systems, as his nice character is clearly displayed: "The lead author would like to express his special thanks to Prof. Hideo Ohashi. The author learned about the present interesting problem from his book. The stability analysis is based on his pioneering work. The experimental facility was developed and built by him and was given to the lead author in 1992 on his retirement from University of Tokyo. So, the present work totally depends on him and shows that a carefully designed facility is useful over decades."