

Yutaka Takenaka

Yutaka Takenaka, Professor of Canadian Studies at Caritas College in Yokohama, Japan, was a founding father in 1979 of the Japanese Association for Canadian Studies, and, in 1981, was one of the original delegates to the International Council for Canadian Studies. His attachment and dedication to both organizations have been positive and productive. He has represented the Japanese Association for Canadian Studies at eleven ICCS annual general meetings between 1984 and 2005, and has been equally keen to ensure ICCS delegates meet the JACS membership. Professor Takenaka invited ICCS presidents to the annual JACS conferences in 1989, 1991, 2000, and, more recently, in 2004 when Zilá Bernd was warmly received by the association.

*As a pioneer of Canadian Studies in Japan Professor Takenaka has published many papers and books on Canada. Perhaps one of his most well-known works is his analysis of Canadian and Quebec culture entitled *Kanada Oinaru Koko-no Chi* [or in English, *Canada, A Great Lone Land: The Development of Canadian Imagination*] which won the prestigious Canadian Prime Minister's Award for Publishing in 1999.*

As professor of Canadian Studies he taught at various Japanese universities and opened the world of Canadian history, politics and culture to countless Japanese students. As a scholar he has read his papers at international conferences in Mexico and Poland, and attended on behalf of the ICCS, the biennial conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in China in Hoh-hot, Inner Mongolia in 1992.

The ICCS is proud to recognize Professor Takenaka for his great contribution to Canadian Studies in this, the 25th anniversary year of the International Council for Canadian Studies.