

A moment with **Professor Akira Ohnishi** by Professor Pradip Kumar Sahu, Institute of Physics, Sachivalaya Marg, P.O.: Sainik School, Bhubaneswar-5.

Professor Akira Ohnishi passed away on 16th May 2023. Most of his students, post-doctoral fellows and collaborators would agree without a doubt that he was an excellent teacher, well-known researcher and a friend in need. He left behind a legacy in the field of heavy-ion collisions with simulation models and education with his inspirational, well thought-provoking research, modern hard working teaching style and a multitude of scholarly publications.

I remember, when I joined as JSPS fellow quite early days of his research career, 1998, he helped me like my well known personal friend and helping me to settle down in Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan. For me, Japan was quite new and new culture with new working style, which inspired me as well as scare me. Since I had just come from Germany as an Alexander von Humbolt fellow with European culture of working style, I had a tough time to cop up with Japanese style of research. But, Prof. Ohnishi helped me very much extent to work admixture of both European and Japanese style, as he had come from USA background though he is a Japanese. Personally, he had helped me a lot to settle, as I had come with my wife and a small baby. I really, in debt to him forever heartily. For any personal or professional need, he was with me.

On professional ground, we worked together. Anytime required to discuss the physics, he was available with his students. We could did very good work together, which helped both of us to enhance our career in later stage.

Personally, I was in touch with Prof. Ohnishi with his family. During weekend, me and my wife were invited to his home for get together and exchange our own cultures and used to discuss among us. It was really not to forget rather gives us sweet memories to us and feel delighted in heart.

On his character, he is well remembered as a warm and inspiring professor as well as researcher. Loved by all, he was truly dedicated to his students and his job. Many scholars who have known him have been inspired by his scholarship especially in the area of hard working research. Those who have worked with Professor Ohnishi or did their Ph. D. under his supervision will always remember him as a loving teacher and loving figure. Diligent and trustworthy, he would make sure that all tasks given to him are managed well. He was willing to spend extra hours and even put extra effort with his students and post-doctoral students in their journey to complete their works. On the collaboration of research works, many of us will always remember the moments of fruitful discussions. I surely, will pass on the legacy by telling others stories about the wonderful professor Ohnishi that I have once met.

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