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Hideo Kaneko (1934-2013)

Hideo Kaneko, 78, former Curator of the Yale East Asian Collection, passed away on February 4, 2013. He was born in Osaka, Japan on April 13, 1934 to Buntaro and Hisano Kaneko, and attended Yamamoto Senior High School. He received his A.B. from George Fox University in 1957, did graduate work at several other American universities, and received a Master's degree in library science from the University of Michigan in 1961.

Mr. Kaneko had a long and distinguished career in the field of East Asian libraries, starting at Yale in 1961 as a cataloger and rising to the position of Curator in 1969, which he held until his retirement in 2000. Mr. Kaneko was also Head Librarian of the East Asian Collection at the University of Maryland from 1963 to 1968.

During his career, Mr. Kaneko was active as a researcher, publishing numerous scholarly articles on Yale’s Japanese collections, the theory of East Asian librarianship, and, most notably, on the life of Asakawa Kan’ichi, professor and first curator of the East Asian collections at Yale. Mr. Kaneko also had a major role in shaping the development of East Asian collections nation-wide through his work with the American Library Association, the Association for Asian Studies and its Council on East Asian Libraries, the Japan-U.S. Conference on Libraries and Information Science in Higher Education, and other major academic societies and library organizations.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Eiko Suzuki Kaneko; a daughter, Miyuki Kaneko of Princeton, NJ; a son, Fumio Erik Kaneko and his wife, Grace Calamita of Simsbury, CT; and two sisters, Shizuko Kaneko and Mitsuko Sawai of Japan.

(From the Eastlib posting by Ellen Hammond, Yale University East Asia Library, and the obituary published February 20, 2013 in The New Haven Register.)

A tribute to Hideo Kaneko by Sachié Noguchi was published in the Journal of East Asian Libraries No. 124 (June 2001):79-80, on the occasion of his retirement.

The tribute may be viewed on the JEAL electronic archive at https://ojs.lib.byu.edu/spc/index.php/JEAL/article/view/8555/8204