

In memory of Tihiro Ohkawa.

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On October 7, 2014, I wrote to Yoko Ohkawa:

Dear Yoko,

I am saddened by the loss of Tihiro from among us. He was my mentor when I joined the then-small fusion research program at General Atomics in 1973 and for many years thereafter. I send you my condolences.

Sincerely,
Michael J Schaffer

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On September 29, 2015, I wrote the following contribution for the Dr. Tihiro Ohkawa Memorial Website:

In Memory

I am saddened by the loss of Dr. Tihiro Ohkawa from among us. He hired me in 1973 for my first job in controlled fusion energy research and was my mentor for many years thereafter. In particular, Tihiro made me one of his first "special projects colleagues". Because he was available and approachable, we had many, many discussions (and arguments) about ideas that ranged over so many fields of science and technology. My favorite project was one of his inventions, OHTE, a helical-toroidal reversed-field pinch, with which a small enthusiastic team of us made many exciting scientific and technological discoveries in just a few years. Thank you, Tihiro, for a great ride in life. And thank you for your many contributions to the betterment of humankind.

Michael J. Schaffer

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