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● Aerosol Measurement: Principles, Techniques, and Applications

This book provides comprehensive explanation of aerosol science, my specialty, from the viewpoint of "measurement." While the book shown here is the second edition, the third edition is already available now. This voluminous book, well over 1,000 pages, allows readers to use it like an encyclopedia. Every time I come up with a new idea for research, I first check this book to find whether or not the problem was already resolved in the past.

● Points at Issue Facing the Japanese

More than half of environmental problems are problems of human society. As such, it's essential that we keep an eye on the latest developments in the state of society. Though I may not be so well conscious as Dr. Kenichi Ohmae, the author of this book, I myself maintain an interest in environmental problems, thinking about how we can make our society a better one.

● Two music CDs (as mementos of my band)

The 1st album "Rise in the Rainbow" and the 2nd album "From the Center of Fountain" are here. These CDs continue to be a good memory although the band itself was dissolved upon release of the second album. In addition to performance including chorus, to create the CDs I played the role of a recording engineer and was even responsible for mixing and jacket design.

● Introduction to Atmospheric Chemistry (translated Japanese version available)

Aerosol science is a discipline dealing with particles as constituents found in the atmosphere (medium). But the understanding of the atmosphere as the medium is of equally crucial importance. While the original book is written in English, its translated Japanese version is available, which is highly recommended to Japanese beginners.

● Fundamentals of Aerosol Science

Besides the atmospheric environment, aerosol science is closely related to diverse fields, such as industrial health, clean rooms, powder transport and pharmaceutical engineering. This book focuses on vital elements underlying these fields relative to aerosol science. In terms of volume, it is only 200 pages or so, but it's not an easy task even for researchers to fully understand its content.

● A Technique for Producing Ideas

This book was once used as a textbook at a study meeting for working members of society. Despite its volume of only 58 pages and its first edition dating back as early as 1940, it's a great book worthy of reading. Though originally written for business and marketing as targets, the approaches suggested here can be applied as is to research and scientific pursuits. A remark at the end of the book is very impressive: "By way of conclusion, I'd like to call your attention to crucial advice, 'You should set about your task immediately without getting too particular about methods and means.'"

● Learning from Wisdom of Zen – for Mannerly and Beautiful Life

It is often the case that we face difficulties in the course of our life. Knowing how to calm the mind would be helpful if we become uneasy. It is widely known that Steve Jobs was deeply influenced by Zen. This book encourages us to "lead a mannerly and beautiful life."