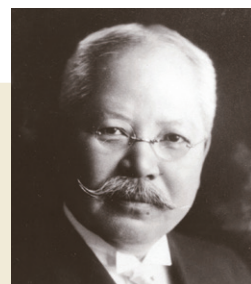


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Dr. Jokichi Takamine

Dr. Jokichi Takamine lived through the dramatic period of time from the end of the Tokugawa shogunate, Meiji era, and Taisho era. He left a great legacy as a scientist, entrepreneur, and an international goodwill ambassador. Dr. Takamine is called the father of modern biotechnology for his research and development of amylolytic enzymes derived from microorganisms, mainly Taka-Diastase.



Dr. Jokichi Takamine
(photo courtesy Great People of Kanazawa Memorial Museum)

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The NPO, Dr. Jokichi Takamine Study Group, is engaged in educational activities, such as publishing journals and holding lectures, in order to make more people aware of Dr. Takamine, who made a great contribution to the development of science and technology in modern Japan, its commercialization, and goodwill between Japan and the United States.

Main Activities

2022 marks the 100th anniversary of the passing of Dr. Jokichi Takamine on July 22, 1922. It has been a joyful year filled with opportunities for media coverage and lectures. In fall, the exhibit space at Shofuden Hall, which was relocated to Takamine's birthplace of Takaoka City in 2020, was expanded, making it a place where even more people can learn about his work. Pay the space a visit if you are ever nearby. In 2023, we will continue to provide accurate information and honor Takamine's legacy.



Completion ceremony of the relocation and expansion of Shofuden Hall to the Takaoka Chamber of Commerce and Industry Building (far right: Sakayu Shimizu, Chairperson; center: Yuki Kakuda, Mayor of Takaoka City)

Topic Aoyama Cemetery Signboard

Dr. Takamine is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in New York, but there is also a Takamine family grave in Tokyo's Aoyama Cemetery. In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of his passing, the Study Group installed a signboard honoring Dr. Takamine's achievements. If you are ever on a stroll in the area, please stop by. Although it is not well known, many people from his hometown or who were closely related to him are buried in Aoyama Cemetery. It can be interesting to visit these other graves and think about the history they carved together.



Takamine's grave (Aoyama Cemetery)
*Detailed directions are available on the website.

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Notification of the recruitment of new members

The Jokichi Takamine Study Group is accepting supporting members.

Supporting members will receive publications related to Dr. Takamine and regularly issued newsletters. They also receive information about lectures, events, and news.

If you would like to join us, please write your name (if you are a corporate body, company/organization name and department), postal code, address, phone number (no cell phone number accepted), occupation, age, and sex on a letter or a postcard and mail it to us. We will return a bank transfer form to pay the initiation fee and the annual membership fee.

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