

From the Clubhouse

Hiroyuki Kanai To Receive 1991 Lichtenstein Award

The Board of Governors of the Collectors Club has selected well-known Japanese philatelist, Hiroyuki Kanai, to receive the 1991 Lichtenstein Award. Mr. Kanai has served the hobby in an outstanding capacity for many decades. His direction in 1981 ensured that PHILATOKYO 81 was a successful world exhibition; in fact, without his management expertise and leadership, the exhibition would not have occurred. He exhibited two collections of Japan in the court of honor at PHILATOKYO 81; his collection of Finland was in the FIP championship class at LONDON 90. In the show bulletin it was noted that “. . . his collection of Mauritius stamps is world famous.” In addition to awards for exhibits, Mr. Kanai has received plaudits for a number of outstanding publications.

Born on May 16, 1925, Mr. Kanai began collecting in 1934 and remained a general collector until 1944. Thereafter, he narrowed his scope of interests to the issues of Great Britain and British colonies. He then proceeded to specialize in the classic issues of Japan, Mauritius, and Finland.

Mr. Kanai is a graduate engineer from Nihon University and holds a degree in economics from Waseda University, both in Tokyo. Today, he is the president and a director of Kanai Heavy Industry Company. While in college, he organized a philatelic research society. Since then, he has written extensively on philatelic subjects. Mr. Kanai succeeded Dr. Soichi Ichida, late member of the Collectors Club, as president of The Philatelic Federation of Japan. He holds honorary membership in The Study Group of Japanese Hand Engraved Stamps, which is comprised of all the most prominent collectors of early Japan. A member of the Collectors Club for many years, he is also a Fellow, Royal Philatelic Society, London. Beyond the leadership of PHILATOKYO 81 mentioned above, Mr. Kanai served as commissioner from Japan for PHILYMPIA 70, a member of the PHILATOKYO 71 organizing committee and serves as deputy president of PHILANIPPON 91.



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