

Special Issue in the Honor of Prof. Jee Hyung Jung



I take great delight in crafting this dedication for the special issue of Natural Product Sciences in honor of Professor Jee Hyung Jung's remarkable impact on the realm of Pharmacognosy, especially Marine Natural Products.

Prof. Jung obtained his bachelor's degree from the College of Pharmacy at Seoul National University (1977-1981). He then completed his master's studies under the guidance of the late Professor Bo Sup Chung at the Graduate School of the same university. Subsequently, he pursued his Ph.D. in the Department of Medicinal Chemistry & Pharmacognosy, School of Pharmacy at Purdue University in 1985, further enriching his expertise in the field. His career trajectory included his postdoctoral fellowship for marine natural products in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Hawaii (1990-1991) and a tenure as a junior researcher at the Korea Ocean Research & Development Institute (1991-1996).

In September 1996, he was appointed Professor at the College of Pharmacy, Pusan National University. Since joining Pusan National University, Prof. Jung has actively researched on the bioactive constituents and efficacy of marine natural products, achieving an outstanding research level that serves as a model for others. He has published over 200 papers in esteemed international journals. As an educator and researcher, he has excelled in both fields, supervising the graduation of 18 doctoral and 25 master's students. Notably, his influence transcends national borders. He has actively participated in international research collaborations with countries including China, Japan, Vietnam, India, and the United States and has produced many significant achievements, contributing to the development of academic disciplines in various countries. In addition, his leadership has promoted the success of many international students contributing to the academic progress of their homeland.

Moreover, he contributed significantly to the development of the College of Pharmacy of Pusan National University by serving as director of the Research Institute of Drug Development and director of the Medicinal Herb Garden. Prof. Jung's active engagement with professional societies, notably the Korean Society of Pharmacognosy, where he has served as Editor-in-Chief, highlights his commitment to academic community building and mentorship.

Dr. Jung's enduring legacy as a scholar, educator, and leader is a testament to his passion for advancing pharmacognosy, especially marine natural products, to the next generation of researchers. His influence transcends national borders and inspires colleagues and students. His informative lectures and guidance have provided valuable opportunities for me to gain knowledge and develop in the field of learning. In the classroom and laboratory, I had the privilege of exploring new perspectives and learning how to solve problems, which was a truly enriching experience.

Furthermore, I've received significant assistance in advancing my academic path under the leadership and support of the Professor. I am sincerely grateful for his encouragement and mentorship all along. As you, Professor, described our laboratory as "brimming with productivity," we have always lived a positive life, constantly striving with an alert mind. That's why we might have become the driving force behind those who make a living from MARINE NATURAL PRODUCTS today.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your contributions to education and research in marine natural products and wish you continued success and fulfillment in all your endeavors.

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