The historical bonds between the Institute for Educational Research and Service and Professor Terumi Nakano, whom we honour in this issue, are significant. A scholar who has been academically active throughout his life, Professor Terumi Nakano entered ICU from Kyoto University in 1956 and became an assistant (jōshū) in the Institute. From that time, until he served as Director between 1990-1992, he contributed greatly to the establishment of its firm foundations. Professor Nakano was an early contributor to Educational Studies. In the 1960 issue of Volume 7 he published his article ‘A New Direction in American Education: Team Teaching — TV broadcasting from the sky’ (pp. 273-282). This was the first of an avalanche of research and publication over the next decades on topics including: media literacy, educational media, hypermedia, virtual reality technology, JICA, computer-assisted education, population education, the internet and education. He was also instrumental in the establishment of the National Educational Research Centre in Honduras. Professor Nakano is well-known in his elected field, appears on national television and has served as President of the Educational Media Association. “Nakano sensei” is respected and admired by successive generations of students. Inevitably, there are many comments and anecdotes about his lectures: “He always uses the OHP and also the video so there is much variety in his lectures”, “He is always interesting because he uses his experience and knowledge in a skillful way”, “He makes a good and helpful supervisor”, “On difficult topics he produces many good examples to illustrate the point”. He is known for his love of classical music, good wine (red) and sport (baseball). Regarding the latter he was himself an accomplished rower in his student days. Professor Nakano, former Director of the IERS, will be remembered as a man of accomplishments: a good colleague and teacher, a man of good taste and a scholar whose contribution to his academic field is of the first-rank.

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