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***Design of Maruoka Catalyst  
as High-Performance  
Chiral Organocatalysts for  
Sterically Hindered  
Amino Acids and Peptides***

*Keiji Maruoka*



Professor Keiji Maruoka graduated from Kyoto University (1976) and received his PhD (1980) from the University of Hawaii with Prof. Hisashi Yamamoto. From 1980 to 1995 he was an Assistant Professor, Lecturer and Associate Professor at Nagoya University, then served as a Full Professor at Hokkaido University from 1995 to 2001 and as a Professor at Kyoto University from 2000 to 2019, where he became a Distinguished Professor in 2019. Professor Maruoka is currently a Specially-Appointed Professor in Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Kyoto University. His awards include the Chemical Society of Japan Award (2007), Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award (2011), Medal with Purple Ribbon (2011), and Humboldt Research Award (2011). His research focuses on organic synthesis with designer organocatalysts, especially its application in the synthesis of amino acid and peptide drug.



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