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Curriculum Vitae

Professor Jun Okuda, born in Osaka/Japan in 1957, received his Dr. rer. nat. degree at the Aachen University of Technology (RWTH) in 1984 with G. E. Herberich and was a Postdoctoral Associate at MIT with R. R. Schrock. After his Habilitation at the Technical University Munich under W. A. Herrmann in 1991 he held academic positions at the State University of New York at Albany (as Assistant Professor), the University of Marburg (C3-Professor of Organometallic Chemistry), and of Mainz (C4-Professor of Inorganic Chemistry), before assuming the Chair of Organometallic Chemistry at the Aachen University of Technology (RWTH) in 2003.

He received the Heinz-Maier-Leibnitz Award 1991 by the German Minister of Science and Education and was Fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and Iberdrola Visiting Professor in Spain, both in 1996, visiting scholar at the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2001 and at the National University of Taipei in 2002. He has chaired the "XVth Workshop on Rare Earth Elements" in Mainz in 2002 and was Co-Chairman with W. A. Herrmann for the "14. International Symposium on Homogeneous Catalysis" in Munich in 2004.

From 1996 to 2003 he served as selection committee member of the Alexander von Humboldt foundation and in 2003 he was elected member of the committee "Molecular Chemistry" of the German Research Foundation (DFG).

His research interests include design of reactive organometallics, mechanistic study of homogeneous catalysts, and polymerization catalysis.