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Brock University elects Dr. Raymond Moriyama as its new Chancellor

Internationally renowned architect Dr. Raymond Moriyama has been elected as Chancellor of Brock University. Dr. Moriyama, whose involvement with the University goes back 30 years, is one of Canada's most respected and recognized architects. As Chancellor, Dr. Moriyama will assume a leadership role in advancing the University, and will play a vital role in the educational welfare of Brock students. The Chancellor confers all degrees and diplomas. Dr. Moriyama succeeds Dr. Robert S. K. Welch, who was the University Chancellor from 1985 until his death in 2000.

"Dr. Moriyama is a passionate supporter of education at all levels, a man of vision and absolute integrity, and a person who looks always to the future," said Brock University President David Atkinson. "His attitude towards both his work and his life suggests he is ideally suited to provide guidance and vision during a period when the institution is itself confronting the challenges of change. Dr. Moriyama embodies in his person, his life and his work all those things that Brock, as a university, embodies."

Dr Moriyama has had a long relationship with Brock University and the Niagara region. At the request of the Niagara Parks Commission, he completed, in 1987, a 100-year vision and a 20-year plan for a 56-kilometre stretch along the Niagara River from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario. Dr. Moriyama's influence on Brock has been profound. He designed the Mackenzie Chown Complex, the Science Complex, Taro Hall and the Alumni Students Centre. Currently, he is chief architect for the Brock 2000 Project and for the Earp Residence.

Dr. Moriyama's work is found across Canada and around the world. His major projects include the Toronto Reference Library, the Ontario Science Centre (Toronto), the Meewasin Valley Project (Saskatoon), the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo, and the Saudi Arabian National Museum.

"Brock University has long had a special place in my heart," says Dr. Moriyama. "To help guide Brock into the future, as it strives to meet the needs of its students, is an exciting opportunity and a great honour."

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Dr. Moriyama was born in Vancouver, B.C., in 1929. He received his B.Arch. from the University of Toronto and an M.Arch. from McGill University. He is married to Sachi, and has five children, and nine grandchildren.

Dr. Moriyama began practice in 1958, then established the partnership of Moriyama and Teshima Architects, with Ted Teshima, in 1970. Now with five partners, he continues to be actively involved in one of the world's pre-eminent architectural firms.

Dr. Moriyama has received eight Honorary degrees, including an Honorary Doctor of Letters from Brock University in 1973. He is a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, an Officer of the Order of Canada and a recipient of the Order of Ontario. In 1999, Dr. Moriyama was named to Maclean's Honour Roll for Achieving Excellence, as he was recognized as an outstanding Canadian who made a difference. He is an Honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and a recipient of the prestigious RAIC Gold Medal. He has received numerous awards for his work throughout the world.

Nominations for Chancellor were submitted through the Senate sub-committee on the Appointment of the Chancellor, chaired by Professor Lorne Adams. Members of the Brock community were invited to submit suggestions of individuals who might serve in this capacity. The University Senate approved the nomination of Dr. Moriyama on March 14, 2001.

Dr. Moriyama will be installed as Brock University's sixth Chancellor during Convocation ceremonies to be held on June 11, 2001. The appointment is for a three-year term.

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