

The East Asia Research Institute of Endemics

The Institute was divided into two departments at that time. In the Pathology Department, there were Professor Kaneko and Junior Assistant Takayama, and in the Bacteriology Department, there were Associate Professor Aoki (in the military) and Associate Saitsu. Other department staff were Hirayama, Iwanaga, Kusano, Sanada, and Yamaguchi.

The situation at the time of the bombing

Professor Kaneko was killed in the bombing while relocating a staff room, and was on the foot of Mt. Kompira. Assistant Saitsu was killed on a road near the College, and Staff Hirayama, Kusano, Sanada, and Yamaguchi were killed inside the department building.

Biography of late Professor Sunao Kaneko

Junior Fifth Rank, the Fourth Order of Merit, M.D, Ph.D., Staff member of the East Asia Research Institute of Endemics (professor)

30 September	1900	Born in Nagasaki Prefecture
March	1925	Graduated from Kyushu Imperial University School of Medicine
March	1926	Appointed Assistant Professor at the same university, specializing in pathology.
February	1930	Appointed Professor in Nagasaki Medical College
March	1937	Studied in Europe and the U.S. for pathological research, returning to Japan in July 1939.
February	1941	Appointed Professor in Nagasaki Medical College
October	1942	Appointed Senior Officer, Second Order
9 August	1945	Killed in the atomic bombing on the line of duty at the College

Main research topics

Study associating subtype and hemolysin of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*

Official position and names of the deceased

Official position	Name
Professor	Sunao Kaneko
Junior Assistant	Yoshio Saitsu
Staff	Fujiko Hirayama

Staff	Chiyoka Kusano
Staff	Atsuko Sanada
Staff	Suezaburo Yamaguchi

Professor Kaneko on the day of the bombing

Hearing from Jinzo Tagawa

On that day, I was helping with the relocation of a house for the department to Ebira-machi at the foot of Mt. Kompira, and was hit by the atomic bomb. I crawled out from under the house, but my head was severely injured. On the same day, there were Professor Kaneko's family, a few hired men and women, and a staff member, Ideguchi. Ideguchi got burned and died a week later. Fortunately, Professor Kaneko was not injured, but he was very pale. He headed in the direction of the hospital carrying his injured child, but he was lost after that. His wife went to Yamazato-machi before the atomic bomb to receive rationed *sake*, but she has also been missing since. My family members who lived in the neighborhood of the College sports field were all killed.

Afterwards, my hairs fell, and I was at the brink of death and life for sometime but fortunately through Professor Takeuchi's (he was on sick leave at his house in Narutaki, and passed away a year later) arrangement, I received a treatment from a doctor who was the professor's former student, and was working in Mitsubishi hospital. I had to take a break for about a year for treatment, but I am now working in the Facility Section of the Administration.

(Former employee at the Pathology Department,
Currently working at the Facility Division, Department of Administration)