

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

**Adopted by the Regents  
May 16, 2013**

### **ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**


**Zheng-Dong Ma, Ph.D.**, research scientist in the College of Engineering, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2013.

Dr. Ma received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the Jilin University of Technology in 1981 and 1984, respectively, and his Ph.D. degree from Kyoto University in 1989. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a visiting assistant research scientist in 1991, and was promoted to associate research scientist in 1994, and research scientist in 2005.

Dr. Ma's research focused on the field of computational mechanics including structural dynamics, multibody system dynamics, coupled structural-acoustic systems, and optimal designs of structural and material systems. His major findings are summarized in numerous journal articles, symposium proceedings, and conference abstracts. He has received five best paper awards and has been invited to a number of seminars and lectures outside the University including at the Beijing Institute of Technology, Jilin University of Technology, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Saitama Institute of Technology, Tokyo Institute of Technology, and numerous corporations. Dr. Ma has served on several Ph.D. and M.S. committees, was elected a member of the ASME Technical Committee of Multibody Systems and Nonlinear Dynamics, and received the College of Engineering's Outstanding Research Scientist Award in 2004.

The Regents now salute this distinguished researcher for his dedicated service by naming **Zheng-Dong Ma research scientist emeritus**.

**Requested by:**



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