

Fluor Hanford

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Richland, Wash., June 18, 2001 -- Bruce Katayama came to Hanford as a newly graduated engineer from the University of Washington in 1951. Not only has he just completed his 50th year of employment at Hanford, he's still going strong. You are invited to join us to commemorate this unusual and outstanding Hanford career achievement on Wednesday, June 20 from 7:15-8:15 a.m. at the 337 Building Cafeteria in Hanford's 300 Area. Historian, Michele Gerber, will be on hand to introduce Katayama and talk about his career that has spanned 50 of Hanford's total 58 years of operation. Fluor Hanford President and CEO, Keith Thomson will present the Fluor award. Katayama's career has included work in the 100-B, 200-East and 200-West Areas. He has spent 30 of those years at Hanford in the 300 Area development laboratories and the fuel testing programs. He tested fuels for the first loading of Hanford's Plutonium Recycle Test Reactor (the silver domed building that is visible in the 300 Area). Katayama was part of the original review team responsible for designing the 324 Building and now works in that facility's hot cell cleanout program.

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