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Upland, Indiana - - - The Reverend Isamu Omura,  
Vice-Moderator of the United Church of Japan, received an honorary Doctor of  
Divinity degree from Taylor University this morning at a convocation service  
conducted by President B. Joseph Martin and Dr. Milo A. Rediger, Academic Dean.

Mr. Omura was graduated from Aoyama Gakuin Theological Seminary in Tokyo in  
1938 and holds two degrees from Boston University School of Theology.

In 1934 Omura was appointed pastor of the Asogaya Church, Japan, and lecturer  
at the Aoyama Gakuin Theological Seminary. Just three years later, he was  
appointed Dean of the Seminary.

Omura's church grew to such proportions that several times the building had  
to be enlarged to accommodate the growing membership. In 1952, the congregation  
voted for a five year plan for a new church building and the ¥7,000,000 (yen) was  
over-subscribed before the end of the five year period.

"Taylor is honored to recognize the work and influence of this noted  
spiritual leader of the Japanese people," Dr. Martin stated.