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FOR RELEASE SUNDAY, MAY 7

Prof. Hisashi Kuno of the Geological Institute, University of Tokyo, Japan, will give three lectures at Montana State University during the next two weeks, Dr. Fred S. Honkala, chairman of the MSU geology department, announced.

Prof. Kuno, who arrived on campus this weekend, will speak Monday at 4 p. m. on "Outline of the Geology of the Japanese Islands," Tuesday at 10 a. m. on "The Origin of Primary Basalt Magmas," and a week from Tuesday at 4 p. m. on "Mohorovicic Discontinuity."

The lectures, which will be in room 107 of Science Hall, are open to everyone interested, Dr. Honkala said.

Prof. Kuno has won international renown for his studies in igneous petrology and volcanology, according to Dr. Honkala. In 1954 he was awarded the Japan Academy prize for a study on the crystallization of pyroxenes from rock magmas.

He is the author of many papers in his field and a member of the Geological Society of Japan, the Volcanological Society of Japan, the American Geophysical Union, the Mineralogical Society of London and other societies. He is a correspondent of the Geological Society of America and a fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America.

Prof. Kuno's visit to MSU was arranged by the American Geological Institute through funds provided by the National Science Foundation as part of its Visiting International Scientist Program. He is one of four foreign geologists chosen to visit selected American schools that grant the Ph. D. in geology. He will visit eight other schools, including Yale, California Institute of Technology and Rice Institute.

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Prof. Kuno will interrupt his stay at MSU to address the regional meetings of the Rocky Mountain Section of the Geological Society of America, which will be in session at Laramie, Wyo., from May 10 to 14. He will return to Missoula for a field trip to the Bitterroot Mountains with MSU geology students and staff on May 15.

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