

Kazato Research Foundation 9th (FY 2015) Award Ceremony for Kazato Prize and Kazato Research Encouragement Prize

The Kazato Research Foundation (Chairman: Nobutaka Hirokawa) held the 9th (fiscal year 2015) award ceremony for the Kazato Prize and the Kazato Research Encouragement Prize on February 27, 2016 at the Keidanren Kaikan Hall. Prizes were presented to the following four prize winners.

Kazato Prize

Shigeki Kawai Senior Scientist
Nanolino – Meyer Group, Department of Physics, University of Basel
[Study of high-resolution atomic force microscopy and molecular]

Shigeki Watanabe Assistant Professor
Department of Cell Biology, School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University
[Cellular and molecular characterizations of synaptic vesicle cycle]

Kazato Research Encouragement Prize

Koji Harano Project Associate Professor
Organization for Interdisciplinary Research Projects, The University of Tokyo
[Structural Study on Nucleation Mechanism of Crystalline Molecular Assemblies by Transmission Electron Microscopy]

Kazunori Shinomiya Research Specialist
Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Janelia Research Campus
[Electron-microscopy based connectomics of circuitry in the fruit fly brain]

The award ceremony was well attended, including a representative from President of the Japanese Society of Microscopy (JSM), President of JEOL Ltd., members of JSM and related research institutions, as well as industrial researchers and past recipients of the Kazato Prize and the Kazato Research Encouragement Prize. An award party was held after the award ceremony, providing a valuable opportunity for lively discussion and interaction among participants. The Foundation would like to express its sincere appreciation to all the participants.

Award Ceremony



Chairman's Address

Nobutaka Hirokawa
Professor, University of Tokyo

Congratulatory Address

Presentation of Prizes, Speech from Prize Winners

Kazato Prize Shigeki Kawai

Study theme:

[Study of high-resolution atomic force microscopy and molecular]

Senior Scientist

Nanolino – Meyer Group, Department of Physics

University of Basel



Kazato Prize Shigeki Watanabe

Study theme:

[Cellular and molecular characterizations of synaptic vesicle cycle]

Assistant Professor

Department of Cell Biology, School of Medicine

Johns Hopkins University



Kazato Research Encouragement Prize

Koji Harano

Study theme:

[Structural Study on Nucleation Mechanism of Crystalline Molecular Assemblies by Transmission Electron Microscopy]

Project Associate Professor

Graduate school of engineering science

Osaka University



Kazato Research Encouragement Prize

Kazunori Shinomiya

Study theme:

[Electron-microscopy based connectomics of circuitits in the fruit fly brain]

Research Specialist

Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Janelia Research Campus



Commemorative Photograph



Award Party

Greeting from the Foundation

Congratulated the prize winners and expressed expectations for further progress of their continued researches.

Selection Members of Kazato Research Foundation, Yosaburo Shibata



Congratulatory Address

Congratulated the prize winners and encouraged their aggressive activities for the development of the Japanese science and technology.

President of the Japanese Society of Microscopy, Nobuo Tanaka



Toast

Complemented the prize winners and expressed expectations for a contribution to development of science and technology in Japan and world.

President of JEOL Ltd., Gon-emon Kurihara

Social Time

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Closing Remarks

Congratulated the prize winners and expressed expectations for future excellent achievements leading to enhancing the prestige of the Kazato Prize and the Kazato Research Encouragement Prize of the prize winners.

Selection Members of Kazato Research Foundation, Hiroki Kurata

