



Recipients of the First Nakasone Yasuhiro Award

Awards conferred June 28, 2005

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Mr. Cheol Hee Park, PhD

Award of Excellence

Born: February 11, 1963

Nationality: Republic of Korea

Occupation: Assistant Professor

Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS), Seoul National University

Dr. Cheol Hee Park has for many years performed research in Japan, Korea, and the United States in the fields of Japanese politics, international affairs, Japan-Korea relations, and East Asian international relations. Besides such public positions as Advisory Board Member of the National Security Council, The Presidential Office and as Board Member of the Korean Association of International Studies, Dr. Park has been very active in international affairs and national security. In terms of activity in Japan-Korea relations, Dr. Park is a member of the Korea-Japan Forum and serves as the Head of Academic Exchange Department of the Institute for Japanese Studies at Seoul National University. His contributions have furthered development of better understanding and friendly relations between Japan and Korea.

Ms. Naomi Sekiya, DMA

Incentive Award

Born: June 23, 1969

Nationality: Japan

Occupation: Composer

Dr. Naomi Sekiya is a composer based in the United States. She actively participates in music festivals and competitions, and her compositions, which are performed by orchestras around the world, receive high international acclaim. Dr. Sekiya is the principal composer of the score for *Manzanar: An American Story*, a musical and narrative project performed this year chronicling the internment of Japanese-Americans in camps during World War II. Besides composing the score for the production, Dr. Sekiya used music as the medium to explore the social and political issues of our time in order to contribute to world peace.

Mr. Rizal Sukma, PhD

Incentive Award

Born: November 17, 1964

Nationality: Indonesia

Occupation: Director of Studies

Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Jakarta

Dr. Rizal Sukma has made scholarly achievements in the fields of security, diplomacy, and internal affairs and in recent years has participated in political reform. As a Member of the Drafting Committee of National Defense Bill and the Defense Review Committee of Indonesia's Ministry of Defence, Dr. Sukma has been particularly involved in the security sector. He has contributed toward establishment of a security framework in ASEAN and the Asia-Pacific region as a Member of Indonesia's Eminent and Expert Persons (EEP) for the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) and Member of the Indonesia Committee in the Council on Security Cooperation in Asia-Pacific (CSCAP).

Mr. Taizo Miyagi, PhD

Incentive Award

Born: January 27, 1968

Nationality: Japan

Occupation: Lecturer

Graduate School of Law, Hokkaido University

Dr. Taizo Miyagi authored the books *The Bandung Conference and Japan's Return to Asia: Between Asia and the US* (2001) and *Japan and Southeast Asia in the Quest for Order: The Cold War, Decolonization and Development, 1957-1966* (2004). In his work, Dr. Miyagi examines the nature of Japan's existence in postwar Asia. He introduces a new approach of viewing Southeast Asian countries in terms of their being surrounded and connected by the sea and discusses the relations between Japan and Asia as well as multi-lateral relations between Asian and Western countries. Further, Dr. Miyagi's dissertations based on empirical research of extensive documentation generated by study of original source diplomatic correspondence from Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States received high praise.