



Recipients of the Second Nakasone Yasuhiro Award

Ms. Miho Kishitani, MA

Award of Excellence

Born: November 6, 1975

Nationality: Japan

Affiliation: Peacewinds Japan

Ms. Miho Kishitani was the sole Japanese individual working full time in the Kurdish autonomous zone of northern Iraq from 2000 to 2003. In this area troubled by conflict, she was responsible for management of overall relief activities, including construction of infrastructure, provision of medical care, and support for widows and orphaned children. After attending Bradford University in the UK where she studied Conflict Resolution, she returned to Japan and worked as a television news reporter. Ms. Kishitani currently energetically undertakes international humanitarian support efforts. Through her dynamic activity and wealth of experience, Ms. Kishitani serves as a role model for younger members working in NGOs and NPOs to someday emulate.

Mr. Tsuyoshi Ito, PhD

Incentive Award

Born: April 4, 1966

Nationality: Japan

Occupation: Professor, School of Political Science and Economics

Department of Political Science, Meiji University

Dr. Tsuyoshi Ito aims to conduct international political research in Japan as a theoretical social science. Within this field, Dr. Ito has focused on the theme of elucidation of structural characteristics of international politics. In particular, he concentrates on miscommunication and the disparity of perceptions that occur between nations and how these misperceptions influence not only the international order but also the diplomatic policy making process. Dr. Ito has employed a theoretical approach for study of the Japan – US – China relationship to produce highly regarded findings. Dr. Ito presents academic papers in foreign languages at international conferences and participates in commissioned research projects. Publication of a book he authored in English that conveys his research findings to an international readership was especially highly evaluated.

Ms. Pia Bennagen Raquedan, PhD

Incentive Award

Born: March 15, 1971

Nationality: Philippines

Occupation: Deputy Executive Director, Pulse Asia, Inc., Quezon City

Research Fellow, Institute for Strategic and Development Studies, Quezon City

Dr. Pia Bennagen Raquedan asserts that there is a need to involve citizens in the policy process, particularly in the field of environmental security. She has participated in collaborative international research that explored perceptions about development and security as well as in comparative research into policy making at various levels both in the Philippines and the European Union. She has emphasized the need for individuals to actively participate in community-based non-governmental organizations for sustainable development. Dr. Bennagen Raquedan has demonstrated remarkable accomplishments in a wide range of fields including presentation of academic papers at international conferences and seminars and as a scholar doing public opinion research.

Mr. Wayan Karja, MFA

Incentive Award

Born: June 11, 1965

Nationality: Indonesia

Occupation: Dean, Faculty of Visual Art and Design

Indonesian Institute of the Arts, Denpasar, Bali

Mr. Wayan Karja studied Ubud traditional painting and attended Udayana University in Bali where he majored in art. Following graduation, he took a position teaching at University of South Florida, Tampa, USA where he completed his Master of Fine Arts degree in painting and printmaking in 1999. Mr. Karja is an artist who continues searching and learning; he has experimented in approaches traditional and contemporary from east and west to reflect a style uniquely his own. His exhibitions in Indonesia and internationally have gained great recognition, and he dedicates his time and energy to impart knowledge and encouragement to his students. Mr. Karja will certainly continue to be creative, productive and innovative for many years to come.