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Recipients of the Fourth Nakasone Yasuhiro Award

Ms. Shin-wha LEE, PhD

Award of Excellence

Born: September 22, 1965

Republic of Korea

Occupation: Professor

Department of Political Science and International Relations, Korea University

Dr. Lee has worked as a Researcher at the World Bank, Special Advisor to the United Nations, and Coordinator of UNESCO Chair on Peace, Democracy and Human Rights, and now is a professor at Korea University while concurrently serving as Consultant to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Her research activity to date has included the themes of the East Asia Vision Group, UNESCO Human Security Project, Independent Inquiry into the Actions of the United Nations during the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda, Environmental Protection and Cooperation in Northeast Asia, and Strategic Thoughts in Northeast Asia, and resulting policy papers have been of reference to policymakers. As East Asia aims toward working for stability and development, the above research themes promote organization of the region's diverse factors into a coherent vision. The research activities by Professor Lee can be expected to provide further contribution to these efforts.

Mr. Tadashi HATTORI, MD

Incentive Award

Born: January 8, 1964

Japan

Occupation: Visiting Professor and Supervisor

National Institute of Ophthalmology, Viet Nam

Dr. Hattori has worked independently in the health care field in Viet Nam since 2002. He has utilized advanced Japanese techniques such as endoscope and lasers, not currently available in Viet Nam to perform eye treatment. Besides providing no-cost treatment to patients who could not afford payment, Dr. Hattori has trained other ophthalmologists in the techniques. His work has expanded to Thailand, Laos, Indonesia, and other neighboring countries. To endeavor to strengthen the medical infrastructure in Viet Nam, Dr. Hattori organized support from overseas and encouraged people working in the field. Dr. Hattori's activities represent the Award's objectives to encourage and recognize outstanding achievements conducted by the younger generation.

Mr. Monir Hossain MONI, PhD

Incentive Award

Born: May 1, 1971

Bangladesh

Occupation: Associate Professor

Department of Political Science, University of Dhaka

Dr. Moni has conducted research on political science in Japan and earned a PhD in Asia-Pacific International Studies from Waseda University in 2007. His current research centers on the theme of Japan's Expanding Engagement in South Asia and he also makes recommendations regarding the future prospects and direction of cooperation between Japan and South Asia that includes not only a political aspect but also seeks to strengthen economic cooperation and comprehensive mutual and understanding at the social and intellectual levels of exchange. The objective of enhancing mutual understanding and cooperation between Japan and South Asia was determined to be a theme that deserves further research activity.

Mr. Philip YANG, PhD

Incentive Award

Born: July 13, 1964

Taiwan

Occupation: Professor, Department of Political Science;

Director, Taiwan Security Research Center, National Taiwan University

Dr. Yang, while conducting research in the fields of international law and international security, has established a website that transmits information related to relationship between Taiwan, the People's Republic of China, and the United States. Entitled Taiwan Security Research, the website is where readers can find objective, straightforward information. Researchers in Taiwan and China find the contents to be reliable, and the website contributes to the peace and stability of the Strait. Dr. Yang participates in many international research collaboration projects and his efforts have increased understanding about the Taiwan issue. His work toward securing peace and security in the international community was found to be worthy of high evaluation.