

# Recipients of the Seventh Nakasone Yasuhiro Award

**Mr. Yasuhiro MATSUDA, PhD**

Award of Excellence

Born: November 29, 1965

Japan

Occupation: Associate Professor, International Politics

Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, The University of Tokyo

From the alliance between the Chinese Communist Party and the Kuomintang Party to the emergence of the Chiang Kai-shek administration on Mainland China and Taiwan, Dr. Matsuda has been on the front line of study into China's contemporary history, the relationship between the PRC and Taiwan, Taiwan's politics, as well as the security of East Asia, including Japan. He has also communicated Japan's security policy to international audiences. His research and activities are fresh and provide a contrast to the usual descriptions with an objective look into the East Asian region. Dr. Matsuda has made proposals for relationships and roles of East Asian countries that will lead to their stability and development. This work was evaluated highly in consideration for this Award.

**Mr. LIU Jie, PhD**

Incentive Award

Born: September 2, 1962

People's Republic of China

Occupation: Professor

School of Social Sciences, Waseda University, Japan

Such issues as the interpretation of history underpinning the relationship between Japan and China, and what untangles it are areas of research by Dr. Liu. His activities include developing a venue for Japan-China dialogue and actually moving forward with that dialogue in an unbiased approach. With patience and persistence he communicates with both Japan and China. Besides encouraging cultural exchange between Japan and China, these efforts steadily contribute to stability in East Asia. Better understanding between Japan and China can be expected to promote peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region. This work was evaluated highly in consideration for this Award.

**Mr. Shamshad Ahmad KHAN, PhD**

Incentive Award

Born: January 18, 1980

India

Occupation: Researcher

Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA)

With a focus on Japanese studies, Dr. Khan conducts research into Japan-India relations and the security situation in East Asia. Taking into consideration the future security of East Asia, he has made proposals for the roles that countries and regions in the area should take on to improve security, and how Japan and India should cooperate in developing their relationship which is an essential component of South Asian security. This research activity will serve to promote mutual understanding and enhance cooperation and was evaluated highly in consideration for this Award.