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## Recipients of the Eleventh Nakasone Yasuhiro Award

Ms. Lan-Anh Thi NGUYEN, PhD

Nationality: Vietnamese

**Award of Excellence**

Birthdate: May 23, 1976

Profession: Vice Dean, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam

Reason for selection: Dr. Nguyen is a specialist in international law at the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Representing Vietnam in international conferences, Dr. Nguyen diligently communicates information regarding issues relating to the South China Sea and the international law of the sea. She is actively involved in Vietnam's efforts in public diplomacy in international law. Her doctoral thesis is titled "The South China Sea Dispute: A Reappraisal in the Light of International Law." Dr. Nguyen's excellent achievements in the increasingly important issue of maritime security were highly evaluated in her selection for this award.

Ms. Mie OBA, PhD

Nationality: Japanese

**Incentive Award**

Birthdate: July 15, 1968

Profession: Professor, Faculty of Engineering, Tokyo University of Science

Reason for selection: Dr. Oba, a specialist in Asia-Pacific regionalism and cooperation, participates actively in domestic and international scholarly activities. Her book "Multi-layered Region: Asia's Structure of Opposition and Coexistence" (published in Japanese by Yuhikaku Publishing in 2014) elucidating Asia's diversity and multi-layered nature made an impact on Japan's diplomacy and has received international accolades. Dr. Oba was also a member of the Cabinet Atomic Energy Panel from 2010 to 2013 and worked on nuclear energy issues after the Great East Japan Earthquake. Dr. Oba's scholarly achievements and societal activities were highly evaluated in her selection for this award.

Mr. Ken JIMBO, PhD

Nationality: Japanese

**Incentive Award**

Birthdate: January 26, 1974

Profession: Associate Professor, Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University

Reason for selection: Dr. Jimbo specializes in security issues in his work for multiple research institutes. In his extremely busy schedule of scholarly activities, above all, he is engaged in conveying research results regarding security and other issues in English, whether in written form or in international conferences, drawing great attention. Further, having served as a member of various government and ministry panels, for the Rebuild Japan Initiative Foundation Dr. Jimbo contributed a chapter to "DPJ Administration: Challenges and Failures" (published in Japanese by Chuokoron-Shinsha, Inc. in 2013) intended as future reference for Japanese politics. Dr. Jimbo's scholarly achievements and societal activities were highly evaluated in his selection for this award.

Mr. Satoru MORI, PhD

Nationality: Japanese

**Incentive Award**

Birthdate: December 25, 1972

Profession: Professor, Faculty of Law, Hosei University

Reason for selection: Dr. Mori is a specialist in US diplomacy and is engaged in both history studies and policy research. He gives lectures and produces policy proposals in English for various research institutes. His book "The Vietnam War and Alliance Diplomacy" (published in Japanese by University of Tokyo Press in 2009) is a valuable academic contribution that offers a meticulous verification of the perspectives of the US, France, and the UK toward Asia-Pacific international affairs. Further, he uses his experience as a foreign service officer to report not only on US diplomacy but also on Japan-US relations, Japan's diplomacy, and East Asia maritime security issues. Dr. Mori's scholarly achievements and societal activities were highly evaluated in his selection for this award.