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Nakasone Peace Institute  
Fujisaki Ichiro, President

**The 16<sup>th</sup> Nakasone Yasuhiro Award of Excellence to be granted to**  
**Mr. Joshua W. Walker, Ph.D., President & CEO, Japan Society**

Nakasone Peace Institute (Acting Chairman: Mr. Nakasone Hirofumi; President: Mr. Fujisaki Ichiro) has named recipients of the 16<sup>th</sup> Nakasone Yasuhiro Awards. One awardee of the Award of Excellence and two awardees of the Incentive Award have been selected. The Award Ceremony will be held on November 30, 2020 for awardees and related parties.

■ **Award Recipients**

Award of Excellence: Mr. Joshua W. Walker, Ph.D., President and CEO, Japan Society

Incentive Award: Mr. Kubo Tatsuhiko, Ph.D., Professor, Graduate School of  
Biomedical and Health Sciences, Hiroshima University

Incentive Award: Ms. Yamamoto Eri, Secretary General, Shanti Volunteer Association

■ **The Nakasone Yasuhiro Award**

The Nakasone Yasuhiro Award was established to recognize young researchers who have made outstanding achievements internationally in various fields and encourage their further success in the future.

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## Award Recipients

Mr. Joshua W. Walker, PhD

Age 39

Organization: President & CEO, Japan Society

Reasons for Selection:

An expert in International Politics and Security Theory, Dr. Walker has built an extensive network in Europe and the United States as well as the Middle East and East Asia. Building bridges across continents through active exchanges, he has established significant influence as an opinion leader in Washington and beyond. In 2019 he was appointed as the youngest President and CEO to serve at Japan Society, and is recognized for his contributions in promoting U.S.-Japan exchanges and strengthening the U.S.-Japan alliance.

Award of Excellence

Citizenship: United States

Mr. KUBO Tatsuhiko, PhD

Age: 45

Organization: Professor, Graduate School of Biomedical and Health Sciences, Hiroshima University

Reasons for Selection:

Based on experience in Japan Disaster Relief (JDR) and Disaster Medical Assistance (DMAT), Mr. Kubo developed a standard medical report format called “J-SPEED” for use by medical teams dispatched to disaster sites. After that, he led a working group at the World Health Organization (WHO) where, in 2017, the Emergency Medical Team Minimum Data Set (MDS) was developed based on the J-SPEED format. Currently MDS is the international standard used in disaster medical service and activities.

Incentive Award

Citizenship: Japan

Ms. YAMAMOTO Eri

Age: 46

Organization: Secretary General, Shanti Volunteer Association

Reasons for Selection:

Since 2001, Ms. Yamamoto has been engaged in educational and emergency humanitarian relief projects in six countries and regions including Thailand, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. Shanti’s activities to rebuild education in Afghanistan through the school library in the Back to School campaign supported by the Government of Japan were particularly highly evaluated.

Incentive Award

Citizenship: Japan