

| Grand Prix | Dr. Soichi Arai



Guest Professor, General Research Institute, Tokyo University of Agriculture,
Adviser, Group for Food Functionality Assessment, Kanagawa Institute of Industrial / Japan
Date of Birth: October 29th, 1935

Dr. Arai was the first that disseminated the name and concept of “functional foods” and has contributed greatly to global development of food science and industry.

In Japan, he was involved in establishing the governmental “Foods for specified health uses” (FOSHU) and “Foods with Function Claims”. The involvement motivated food companies and cognate industries to develop functional foods. Dr. Arai’s accomplishments are globally distinguished and influential. It is noted that in 1993 the hypoallergenic rice grain he developed was approved as the first FOSHU product.

| Grand Prix | Dr. Jeyakumar Henry



Director, Clinical Nutrition Research Centre, Singapore Institute for Clinical Science
Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore / United Kingdom
Date of Birth : November 15th, 1952

The main research areas :Rice Research and diabetics in developing nations, Introduction of food fortification for refugees

Award Citation :

He was a leading researcher in the field of rice functionality and measures against diabetes. He has contributed as a global leader in research on the prevention of diabetes, for example, by establishing functional food research institutes in the UK and Singapore.

| Sano Touzaburo Special Prize | Mr. Yoshihiro Murata



Chairman, Japanese Culinary Academy
President, KIKUNOI CO.,LTD.
Chairman , ALL JAPAN FOOD ASSOCIATION / Japan
Date of Birth :December 15th, 1951

The main research areas :
Food/agricultural education (education models for food and agriculture, promotion of dietary education (*shokuiku*), dietary culture and traditional foods)

Award Citation :
He contributed to the registration of “Washoku (traditional Japanese cuisine)” to the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage. With his establishment of the Japanese Culinary Academy , he has been active in promoting Washoku globally and greatly contributing to the spread of Japanese cuisine culture and culinary skills as well as professional training.

| 21st Century hope Prize | Dr. Kotaro Maeno



Researcher, Crop, Livestock and Environment Division,
Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences(JIRCAS)
/ Japan
Date of Birth :February 20th, 1980

The main research areas :
Physiological and ecological studies of the Desert locust

Award Citation :
He is the only researcher in the world who has been running a field study in the Sahara desert to clarify the physiological and ecological characteristics of the desert locust, an agricultural pest in Africa, and develop control technologies. He has been working on the solution of global-wide agricultural issues.