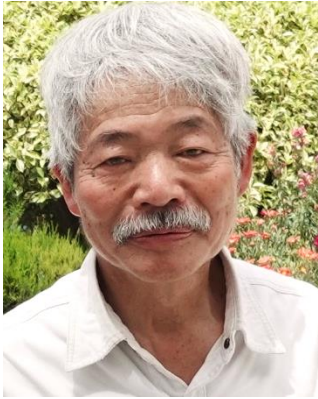


| Grand Prix | NAKAMURA Tetsu MR. / Peshawar-kai / PMS

(Peace (Japan) Medical Services)



NAKAMURA Tetsu MR.

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MASARU Murakami MR. : Chairman of Peshawar-kai / Executive Director of PMS (Peace(Japan) Medical Services)

Award Citation :

This prize celebrates the noble activities of Dr. Nakamura, who died in the course of his work, leaving behind numerous achievements. In order to help refugees who were dying of hunger due to Afghanistan's terrible drought and civil war, he constructed irrigation channels to revitalize the arable land and turn it green again, and promoted food production and the revival of agriculture, allowing farmers to settle permanently on the land and escape from hunger and poverty. The prize also strongly supports the continued activities of Peshawar-kai and PMS.



Masaru Murakami MR.

| Sano Touzaburo Special Prize | Dr. OTSUBO Ken'ichi



Fellow, Institute of Science and Technology, Niigata University
Professor for Research, Niigata University of Pharmacy and Applied Life Sciences

Award Citation :

Over many years of research in the areas of rice quality and utilization, he has become Asia's leading authority in many fields of research and processing and utilization technologies, including ① flavor evaluation, ② DNA variety evaluation, and ③ the functionality of rice. He has made a great contribution to the dissemination of this knowledge through activities such as international research exchange.

| 21st Century hope Prize | Dr. YANO Hiroyuki



Unit Leader, Food Resource Utilization Unit, Division of Food Processing and Distribution Research, Food Research Institute, National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO)

Award Citation :

He developed the technology for making bread from rice flour and put this to practical use in the development of bread machines using rice flour for ordinary consumers, leading to its widespread dissemination both within Japan and overseas. This technology has benefited people with wheat allergies, contributing to the Sustainable Development Goal “Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.”

| Prize for Bright Future of Niigata | Mr. EGAWA Kazunori



Principal, Egawa Professional Engineer Office (Technical Discipline: Agriculture)
Former-Director of Niigata Agricultural Research Institute Food Research Center

Award Citation :

He is the foremost figure in the improvement of food processing technology in Niigata Prefecture, as well as in developing processed foods and turning them into products. His achievements are particularly significant in the development of processed foods made from rice, such as low protein cooked rice, and of packaged pre-cooked rice, including sterile packaging, rice cakes, and microwaveable rice cooked and sold in plastic trays, which he has raised to the highest level and largest scale in the country.