

| Grand Prix | Dr. José Graziano da Silva



Former Director-General UN FAO / Director General of the Zero Hunger Instituto (Instituto Fome Zero): Brazil, Italy

Award Citation :

A leader who eradicated hunger in Brazil through the Zero Hunger (Fome Zero) program. As Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), he led the world's Zero Hunger Movement and achieved great success in eradicating hunger around the world.

Zero Hunger was also included in the UN's 17 SDG goals.

| Grand Prix | Dr. NAKAMURA Teiji



President of Kanagawa University of Human Services / President of The Japan Dietetic Association: Japan

Award Citation :

As a world-renowned leader in the field of nutrition in Japan, he laid the foundation for school lunches, including setting nutrition standards, establishing food and nutrition teachers, and designing the Basic Act on Food and Nutrition Education.

He has worked to promote nutrition and nutrition education through teaching in and hosting trainees from Southeast Asia, and has earned an international reputation for this work.

| Sano Touzaburo Special Prize | Mr. NAKAYAMA Teruya



Kitac Corporation Chairman and executive director: Japan

Award Citation :

He studied under Touzaburo Sano during the agricultural development project in the Sanjiang Plain, Heilongjiang Province of China, and participated in the planning process from the beginning as an engineer, playing an important role in the success of the project.

He is still active in working with technical trainees from the project area and promoting international exchange with neighboring countries.

| 21st Century hope Prize | Dr. SAITO Kazuki



Africa Rice Center Principal scientist: Japan

Award Citation :

He has contributed greatly to rice breeding projects in Africa by discovering new breeding stock, developing selection methods, and conducting other research to improve food self-sufficiency in Africa.

He has also achieved significant success in developing and consolidating rice farming systems for small farmers, and improving their livelihoods and nutrition.

| Prize for Bright Future of Niigata | Dr. ITO Yoshiomi



SnowBiz,Inc. CEO : Japan

Award Citation :

As a pioneer in researching the use of the energy of snow and implementing practical and versatile uses of the cooling energy of snow, he has contributed greatly to the snow-utilization business. Developing food products utilizing “Yukimuro” snow-cooled storage methods is expected to offer new growth opportunities in the food industry in Niigata Prefecture.