

【 The 9th Niigata International Food Award Winners 】

| Grand Prix | Mr. ANDO Koki



Chairman, Japan Association for the World Food Programme (JAWFP)
President, Chief Executive Officer, NISSIN FOODS HOLDINGS CO., LTD. / Japan

Award Citation :

Expanded private-sector support for the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) by increasing donations and broadening public engagement in its humanitarian activities. Made a significant contribution to addressing global hunger and poverty through the promotion of diverse food assistance initiatives, including emergency relief in response to conflicts and natural disasters.

| Sano Touzaburo Special Prize | Mr. Tristram Stuart



co-founder, environmental charity Feedback (now Foodrise)
Founder, Toast Brewing / United Kingdom

Award Citation :

Exposed the reality of food waste, raising global awareness of the issue and influencing the development of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Recognized for his outstanding contributions to this global movement as a pioneer in the fight against food waste.

| 21st Century hope Prize | Dr. KINOSHITA Masato



Graduate School of Agriculture, Division of Applied Biosciences,
Associate Professor, Kyoto University / Japan

Award Citation :

A world-leading pioneer who first successfully applied genome-editing technology to aquaculture, achieving the commercial production of species such as red sea bream and tiger pufferfish. This groundbreaking research is expected to make significant contributions to addressing global food security challenges and advancing the SDGs in the field of environmental sustainability.

| Prize for Bright Future of Niigata | Mr. MATSUMOTO Masafumi



Founder and CEO, Nosui Shoten Co., Ltd / Japan

Award Citation :

While serving as a high school teacher, he collaborated with his students to develop and commercialize "Saigo no Itteki" (The Last Drop), a fish sauce made from salmon with little commercial value, transforming an underutilized resource into a valuable product.

Following his retirement, he established a company, dedicated its profits to education, and founded a support school for correspondence high school students that pioneered a novel approach to learning by integrating workplace training with formal education.