



Recipients of the Sixth Nakasone Yasuhiro Award

Mr. Michael AUSLIN, PhD

Award of Excellence

Born: March 17, 1967

United States

Occupation: Director of Japan Studies and Resident Scholar in Asian Studies
The American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, USA

Based on his many years of research of modern Japanese history, Dr. Auslin has analyzed issues regarding Japan's relationships with the United States, with China, and with Asia. While economic cooperation in Asia is increasing, problems related to history spark controversy. To avoid potentially serious security-related issues, Dr. Auslin points out in an insightful research article that a strong Japan-US alliance is indispensable. His research activity is a clear reminder of the importance of steadying the Japan-US alliance and contributes toward the peace and stability of the Asia-Pacific region.

Ms. Maria Reinaruth Desiderio CARLOS, PhD

Incentive Award

Born: January 2, 1969

Philippines

Occupation: Associate Professor

Ryukoku University, Japan

Utilizing micro-data in her research and analysis, Dr. Carlos has undertaken the issue of overseas migration of Filipino nurses and caregivers to propose formulation of a system that effectively manages the many multi-faceted issues for both the sending and receiving countries. Her research investigates how problems related to an aging society and shortage of workers can be alleviated by expanded migration of nurses and caregivers. For effective implementation, information sharing, education, training, and coordination between parties are required. This research activity by Dr. Carlos is expected to contribute to the enhancement of the Asia-Pacific community.

Mr. Anies BASWEDAN, PhD

Incentive Award

Born: May 7, 1969

Indonesia

Occupation: President

Paramadina University, Indonesia

After studying international politics overseas, Dr. Baswedan analyzed the political situation and Muslim influence in Indonesia, leading to his forecast that there is little likelihood of a blending of religion and state in the near future. Further, he formulated proposals regarding the future direction and contributions that Indonesia can make toward stability and peace in the Asia-Pacific region and has been involved in a variety of activities to promote mutual understanding in the international community. As a young leader, Dr. Baswedan's practical activities will contribute toward peace and stability not only in Indonesia but also in Asia.

Mr. Toru YOKOTA

Incentive Award

Born: May 7, 1971

Japan

Occupation: Photojournalist

Since the 1997 civil war in Cambodia, Mr. Yokota has covered worldwide wars and conflicts by onsite reporting of armed elements, of active-duty US and ROK military, and impoverished regions. While building trust with the local population, he has gone to front lines of conflict without regard to personal safety to bring images that show the reality of situations and scenes to viewers from around the world. His work in Afghanistan, in particular, has been highly evaluated for contributing to increased awareness of international peace and stability and promoting understanding of world affairs.