

# *Kazato Research Foundation*

## *17th Kazato Prize Lecture Meeting*

On June 3, 2024, the Kazato Research Foundation (Chairman: Nobutaka Hirokawa) held the 17th Kazato Prize Lecture Meeting at the 80th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Japanese Society of Microscopy at Makuhari Messe International Convention Complex.

Many participants were attended, not only members of the Japanese Society of Microscopy but also people from business, research institutions and the general public.

The content of the Kazato Prize Lecture Meeting is listed below, and prompted lively questions from the audience, showing the high level of interest in the lecture meeting.

The Foundation would like to express their sincere appreciation to all the participants.

### **Chairman's Greeting**

**HIROKAWA Nobutaka**

Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo



### **Special Lecture 1**

Title:

*'The Current State of Research Infrastructure in Science and Technology Innovation Policy'*

**NISHIJO Masaaki**

Deputy Director-General,  
Science and Technology Policy Bureau of MEXT



### **Special Lecture 2**

Title:

*'Introduction of drug discovery research up to the acquisition of hit compounds for the treatment of rare cancer ~Academia's approach to unmet medical needs~'*

**IWASAKI Kenj**

Professor,  
Life Science Center for Survival Dynamics, University of Tsukuba



## from the 17th Kazato Prize Winners

Study theme:

*'Dynamics study of the photo-induced high-speed phenomenon by constructing a photoexcitation pump-probe electron microscope system'*

**SHIMOJIMA Takahiro**

Professor,

Graduate School of Science, Nagoya University



Study theme:

*'Elucidation of molecular mechanisms of membrane structure formation in epithelial cells'*

**IKENOUCHI Junichi**

Professor,

Faculty of Science, Kyushu University

