

Kazato Research Foundation 19th (FY 2025) Award Ceremony for Kazato Prize and Kazato Research Encouragement Prize

The Kazato Research Foundation (Chairman: Yuichi Ikuhara) held the 19th (fiscal year 2025) award ceremony for the Kazato Prize and the Kazato Research Encouragement Prize on March 7, 2026 at the Keidanren Kaikan Hall. Prizes were presented to the following six prize winners.

Kazato Prize

Yung-chang Lin	Senior Researcher Research Institute of Core Technology for Materials Innovation, AIST [Discovery of New Two-Dimensional Structures Using Advanced Electron Microscopy]
Toshiyuki Oda	Professor Department of Anatomy and Structural Biology, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Yamanashi [Cryo-electron Microscopy of Physiological Amyloids]

Kazato Research Encouragement Prize

Shun Sasano	Assistant Professor School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo [In situ observation of next-generation all-solid-state battery interface using atomic-resolution STEM]
Kiyofumi Takaba	Scientist Paul Scherrer Institute, SLS MX Beamline team [High-speed TEM crystallography using charge-integrated hybrid pixel detector]
Takaharu Sakuragi	Specially appointed assistant professor The University of Osaka, Immunology Frontier Research Center [Structural analysis of a phospholipid scramblase by cryo-electron microscopy]
Hiroshi Yamaguchi	Research Associate Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo [Structural analysis of asymmetric features of ciliary axonemes and centrioles by cryo-ET and cryo-FIB-SEM]

The award ceremony was attended Chairman of JEOL Ltd. and President of JEOL Ltd.

Award Ceremony

Chairman's Address

Yuichi Ikuhara

Distinguished Professor, The University of Tokyo



Prize Winners

Kazato Prize

Yung-chang Lin

Senior Researcher
Research Institute of Core Technology for
Materials Innovation,
AIST

Study theme:

[Discovery of New Two-Dimensional
Structures Using Advanced Electron
Microscopy]



Kazato Prize

Toshiyuki Oda

Professor
Department of Anatomy and Structural
Biology, Graduate School of Medicine,
University of Yamanashi

Study theme:

[Cryo-electron Microscopy of Physiological
Amyloids]



Kazato Research Encouragement Prize

Shun Sasano

Assistant Professor

School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo

Study theme:

[In situ observation of next-generation all-solid-state battery interface using atomic-resolution STEM]



Kazato Research Encouragement Prize

Kiyofumi Takaba

Scientist

Paul Scherrer Institute, SLS MX Beamline team

Study theme:

[High-speed TEM crystallography using charge-integrated hybrid pixel detector]



Kazato Research Encouragement Prize

Takaharu Sakuragi

Specially appointed assistant professor

The University of Osaka,
Immunology Frontier Research Center

Study theme:

[Structural analysis of a phospholipid scramblase by cryo-electron microscopy]



Kazato Research Encouragement Prize

Hiroshi Yamaguchi

Research Associate
Graduate School of Medicine,
The University of Tokyo

Study theme:

[Structural analysis of asymmetric features
of ciliary axonemes and centrioles by
cryo-ET and cryo-FIB-SEM]



Commemorative Photograph



Award Party

Greeting from the Foundation

Masahide Kikkawa

Selection Member of Kazato Research Foundation
(Professor, The University of Tokyo)



Congratulatory Address

Eva Olsson

President of the International Federation of Societies for Electron Microscopy (IFSM)



Toast

Izumi Oi

President & CEO of JEOL Ltd



Social Time

Attendees enjoyed discussion and talking.





Closing Remarks

Shigeo Mori
Selection Member of Kazato Research
Foundation
(Professor, Osaka Metropolitan University)

