

Accepting Applications for the 22nd Nakasone Yasuhiro Award

Nakasone Peace Institute established the Award to honor the efforts of younger generations who have made internationally significant achievements in such fields as politics, economics, culture, and science and technology and to encourage new and further achievements. This year again, we look forward to receiving many applications for this Award, which respects diversity and inclusion from individuals engaged in various fields both in Japan and internationally.



Guidelines

1. Award Subject

Outstanding research or practical activities in the following fields:

1. Ensuring peace and security in the international community.
2. Promotion of development of the international economy and economic cooperation.
3. International cultural activities such as cultural and artistic exchange and collaboration.
4. International activities in science and technology, including international collaboration.
5. Initiatives addressing global issues such as the environment, energy, healthcare, and poverty.

2. Eligibility

Individuals under the age of 45 who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in the fields listed above. In cases specified by the Selection Committee, applicants slightly exceeding the age limit may also be considered.

3. Award Recipients and Categories

One Award of Excellence and a small number of Incentive Awards will be presented. In principle, the Awards will be granted to individuals, but in some cases a group may be considered. The Award plaque and a supplementary award of 1,000,000 yen for the Award of Excellence recipient and 500,000 yen for the Incentive Award recipients will be granted.

4. Application Process

Please fill out the 22nd Nakasone Yasuhiro Award application form and submit the following documents by email or post.

For details, please click the URL or scan the QR code.

Application form URL:

<https://forms.office.com/r/WCqHZ1JzE3>

Application Documents

Application documents should be prepared in either Japanese or English.

If any "Documents relevant to the selections process" (item 2, below) are in another language, please attach a Japanese or English translation.

1. Information about the applicant's activities

(format not specified; Japanese (maximum of 5,000 characters) or English (maximum of 2,500 words)).

2. Documents relevant to the selection process

(e.g., copies of manuscripts, list of publications, etc.; limit of 2 items).

3. One Letter of Recommendation is required.

Please note that the application documents will not be returned.

If you encounter any difficulties filling out the form, please contact the NPI Secretariat by email.

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Application form for the
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5. Address for Submission of Document

Secretariat, Nakasone Peace Institute

6F, 30 Toranomon Mori Building, 3-2-2 Toranomon Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0001, Japan

E-mail: nakasone.award@iips.org

6. Application Closing Date

April 30, 2026

Award recipients will be announced in October 2026 and the Award Ceremony will be held in November 2026.

Please note that we are unable to respond to individual inquiries.

News Release

Recipients of the 21st Nakasone Yasuhiro Award

Ms. Monda Ruiko (Award of Excellence)

Nationality: Japan

President, PLAS

Reason for selection:

As the representative of a specified non-profit corporation, Ms. Monda has been engaged in support activities in Africa since her student days, providing assistance to children from families affected by poverty and HIV/AIDS in Africa. She has been running an NGO for over 20 years since graduate school. In addition to her steady management of the organization, she has also worked to build a support system rooted in local communities through collaboration with local NGOs. At the same time, through new initiatives such as crowdfunding and charity auctions, she pioneers new forms of support. That she continues to expand activities together with young female supporters has been evaluated very highly.



Ms. Jihee Choi (Incentive Award)

Nationality: Republic of Korea

Post-doctoral Fellow, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, The University of Tokyo

Reason for selection:

As a researcher from the Republic of Korea, Ms. Choi obtained a master's degree in the ROK on issues regarding North-South unification and went on to conduct research on Japan-Korea relations and the Nakasone Yasuhiro administration to earn a doctorate in Japan. She also has practical experience as a journalist and possesses the ability to communicate her research findings in an accessible manner. In addition to recognition of her potential as a researcher and her qualities as an educator, her research on the multifaceted Japan-Korea diplomatic relations in the milestone year of the 60th anniversary of normalization, amid an international situation rife with divisive modes of thought, has been highly evaluated.



Ms. Céline Pajon (Incentive Award)

Nationality: France

Head of Japan Research, Institut français des relations internationales (Ifri)

Reason for selection:

As the Head of Japan Research at a leading research institute in France, Ms. Pajon actively disseminates information based on her research on Japan's diplomacy and security, responding to ever-changing social needs. She plays a vital role in enhancing understanding of Japan in France and Europe, as well as in strengthening relations between Japan and Europe. As a key contributor to future international intellectual exchange, she has engaged in activities and made achievements that have been highly evaluated.

