

54th Celebration of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day

The ITU Association of Japan
Planning Department

■ Ceremony at the Keio Plaza Hotel, Tokyo



On May 17, 2022 for the first time in three years, the ITU Association of Japan (ITU-AJ) held the “54th Celebration of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day” at the Keio Plaza Hotel in Nishishinjuku, Tokyo. It was attended by approximately 90 guests from the Japanese government, telecommunications and broadcasting industries and other related organizations. The event was also posted on YouTube.

The event began with greetings from the Honorable Mr. NAKANISHI Yusuke, State Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) and Mr. HARA Keiichi, Deputy Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs (MOFA). This was followed by a report on the selection of award recipients for this year, by Dr. TOKUDA Hideyuki, Chair of the ITU-AJ Award Selection Board, and presentations of the MIC Minister’s Award and ITU-AJ Awards.

The MIC Minister’s Award was presented to Dr. SATO Kohei, of the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT), who has made great contributions to international standardization efforts in wireless communications through the ITU and APT, held various key positions at the APT, and contributed to discussion on next-generation standards in Japan at the Beyond 5G New Management Strategy Center.

The ITU-AJ Special Achievement Award was presented to Dr. ASAKAWA Chieko, of the IBM Corporation and the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan), for her efforts improving accessibility in information and communication technology as a researcher who is blind and contributions to standardization.

ITU-AJ Accomplishment Awards were also presented

■ Award winners and Honorable guests



to 11 recipients, and ITU-AJ Encouragement Awards to 18 recipients, in recognition of their achievements contributing to ITU activities or ITU-related activities in Japan, to implementing the basic declaration and action plan at the World Summit on the Information Society, to international cooperation in the fields of information, communication, broadcasting and postal services, and to other achievements in international activities related to information, communication and broadcasting.

After the awards ceremony, there was an anniversary keynote presentation by Dr. ASAKAWA Chieko, recipient of the Special Achievement Award, on the theme, “The Future: An Inclusive Society via Science and Technology”.

Scenes from the ceremony have been posted on the ITU-AJ web site and can be viewed at the following URL:
https://www.ituaj.jp/?page_id=27274 (Japanese only)

Award recipients will be introduced in the next and following issues of New Breeze.

The List of the Award Winners on 17 May 2022

MIC Minister's Award

Dr. SATOH Kohei (National Institute of Information and Communications Technology)

ITU-AJ Special Achievement Award

Dr. ASAKAWA Chieko (IBM Fellow, IBM Corporation Chief Executive Director, Miraikan- The National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation)

ITU-AJ Accomplishment Awards

Dr. OTSUKI Sinya (NTT)
 Mr. OBATA Kenji (Japan Cable Laboratories)
 Mr. KAWANISHI Motoharu (OKI Consulting Solutions)
 Prof. TAKADA Jun-ichi (Tokyo Institute of Technology)
 Mr. TANAKA Hidemi
 Mr. TOCHIO Yuji (Fujitsu)
 Dr. NAKAJIMA Isao (Seisa University)
 Mr. FUKUYAMA Masafumi (NTT e-Asia)
 Mr. HOTTA Akio (BHN)
 Ms. HONDO Eriko (KDDI)
 Mr. YOKOYAMA Takahiro (ARIB)

ITU-AJ Encouragement Awards

Mr. AKIYAMA Shinsaku (NTT DOCOMO)
 Mr. IIZUKA Hiroto (NEC)
 Mr. ISOHARA Takamasa (KDDI Research)
 Mr. ITO Fumito (JAPAN BROADCASTING)
 Mr. INOUE Yoshihiro (NTT Advanced Technology)
 Mr. OKUGAWA Yuichiro (NTT)
 Dr. KUMAGAI Shinya (NTT DOCOMO)
 Mr. KUMAKI Yuichi (NTT EAST)
 Mr. KUMAMARU Kazuhiro (JAPAN BROADCASTING)
 Mr. SAITO Susumu (JAPAN BROADCASTING)
 Dr. SHIMODAIRA Hidekazu (NTT DOCOMO)
 Mr. TAKEDA Hiroki (KDDI)
 Ms. TANIDA Hisako (NTT DOCOMO)
 Mr. HARADA Takashi (OKI)
 Mr. FUTAKI Hisashi (NEC)
 Mr. HOYA Kazuhiro (FUJI TELEVISION NETWORK)
 Mr. MAEGAWA Takanori (NTT EAST)
 Mr. YOSHIDA Shinji (KDDI Foundation)

MIC Minister's Award winner Dr. SATOH Kohei



ITU-AJ Special Achievement Award winner Dr. ASAKAWA Chieko



Honorable Guest : Mr. NAKANISHI Yusuke State Minister, MIC



Honorable Guest : Mr. HARA Keiichi Deputy Assistant Minister, MOFA



Anniversary Keynote Presentation: Dr. ASAKAWA Chieko

