

The Japan Foundation Awards 2007

Since 1973, we have annually presented the Japan Foundation Award to individuals and groups who have made an outstanding contribution over a period of time, while the Japan Foundation Special Prizes are presented to individuals and groups who have demonstrated rich creativity and a pioneering spirit with significant potential for future contributions. The Japan Foundation Special Prizes are presented in the three fields of arts and culture, Japanese-language and Japanese studies, which represent the three pillars of the Japan Foundation's operations.

The Japan Foundation Award 2007



Royall TYLER [Australia]

(Former Professor and Head of the Japan Centre, Faculty of Asian Studies, Australian National University)

For his contributions to the understanding of Japanese literature and culture in foreign countries through his long-term research into and teaching of Japanese literature, including translations of a collection of Noh plays and "The Tale of Genji."

The Japan Foundation Special Prizes 2007



The Japan Foundation Special Prize for Arts and Culture

KITAGAWA Fram [Japan]

(Art Director Chairman, Art Front Gallery Co; General Artistic Director of Naoshima Fukutake Art Museum Foundation; Director of Niigata City Art Museum; Professor, Joshibi University of Art and Design)

For organizing pioneering art exhibits and projects, and his role as General Director for the Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennial, collaborating with foreign artists and local residents to promote sustained regional development through the power of modern art.



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The Japan Foundation Special Prize for Japanese Language

LEVY Hideo [U.S.A.]

(Novelist; Professor, Hosei University)

For introducing Japanese literature to foreign readers through his translation of the *Man'yōshū* and his contributions to the expansion of the possibilities of the Japanese language through his authorship of many novels and critical essays in Japanese.

*This category, which was limited to Japanese-language education until 2006, has been widened to include those who are achieving outstanding works using the Japanese language.



The Japan Foundation Special Prize for Japanese Studies

Ayçe Selçuk ESENBEL [Turkey]

(Professor, Bosphorus University; President, Japanese Studies Association)

For organizing Japan scholars in Turkey through her activities with the Japanese Studies Association, education of junior scholars, and contributions to academic and intellectual exchange between Turkey and Japan.

Note: Memorial lectures were held as follows:

Lecture by Royall Tyler: *Genji monogatari* and "The Tale of Genji", October 5, 2007, Hongo Campus, The University of Tokyo. Co-organized by the University of Tokyo (Department of Japanese Language and Literature; Department of Contemporary Literary Studies). The contents of the lecture have been posted on the Japan Foundation website.

Lecture by Hideo Levy: *Nihongo no Jinsei*, (The Life in Japanese Language), November 17, 2007, The Japan Foundation International Conference Hall.

Lecture by Ayçe Selçuk Esenbel: *Japanese-Turkish Relations and Comparison from the Perspective of World History*, October 5, 2007, Kinugasa Campus, Ritsumeikan University. Co-organized by the College of International Relations, Ritsumeikan University.