

AWARD OF MEDALS

The Eighty-eighth Annual Award of Medals was held on Monday, June 22, 1998, at 10:30 a.m., in the presence of Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress.

The function was opened with an address by the President, in which he made a brief statement of each award. This year, the sixth presentation of the Duke of Edinburgh Prize for the Japan Academy also took place at the same time.

The Medals and Prizes were presented to the following recipients:

Imperial Prize and Japan Academy Prize to:

Toshio YANAGIDA

for "Direct Manipulation and Observation of Molecular Machines of Biological Movements"

Japan Academy Prizes to:

Seizo SEKINE

for *Transcendancy and Symbols in the Old Testament: Genealogy of Hermeneutical Experiences*

Takane SUGIHARA

for *The System of the International Court of Justice*

Norio KAIFU

for "Research on Interstellar Matter"

Yasutaka IHARA

for "Studies in Arithmetic"

Norio ISE

for "Study of Microscopic Structures in Homogeneous Dispersions"

Hideaki YAMADA and Teruhiko BEPPU

for "Basic Studies for Development and Application of Microbial Functions"

Shoshichi NOJIMA

for "Structure and Metabolism of Membrane Phospholipids—with Special Emphasis on *Escherichia coli* Phospholipases"

Kazuo SASAKI

for "Studies on Integrative Functions of the Central Nervous System"

Duke of Edinburgh Prize to:

Tatuo KIRA

for "Contributions to the Development of Quantitative Plant Ecology and the Conservation of Natural Environments"

After this, congratulatory addresses were given by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Education, Science, Sports and Culture.

The function was closed at noon.

The outlines of the recipients' works appear in the following pages.