



The Seventh Nagamori Awards Ceremony was Held Successfully

Nagamori Foundation held the Seventh Nagamori Awards Ceremony on Sunday, September 5, 2021 to honor the winners of the awards and the recipients of the research grant for 2021.

Because of the impact of COVID-19, continuing from the last event, the ceremony was held at Miyako Hall of Nidec Corporation Annex Global Learning Center as the main venue, having the winners and the research grant recipients attending remotely and was streamed live via Web to approximately 200 people including many academics, and those related to Nagamori Foundation.

After the presentations by the six award winners followed by the review from the members of Nagamori Foundation's Review Committee, Dr. Tom Oomen, Full Professor, Eindhoven University of Technology was chosen as the Grand Nagamori Award winner.



The winners of the Seventh Nagamori Awards pose for photo with Mr. Nagamori, President of Nagamori Foundation.

The ceremony began with Prof. Hori, the Review Committee's Chair, explaining how the winners were selected, followed by the announcement of the Seventh Grand Nagamori Award Winner. Each winner received a commendation certificate and a prize trophy from Mr. Nagamori, President of Nagamori Foundation, and then representing the award winners, Dr. Oomen delivered a speech to express the pleasure of receiving the Grand Nagamori Award.



"Research Grant 2021" recipients

The next part of the ceremony was to present research grants ("Research Grant 2021") to the 30 young researchers, mostly associate or assistant professors (10 new and 20 renewal recipients).

Dr. Jun Shintake, Assistant Professor of The University of Electro-Communications, gave a speech to appreciate the grant on behalf of all the grant recipients.

Mr. FUJIWARA Makoto, Vice Minister of Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology – Japan, appeared remotely and gave a congratulatory address. The ceremony ended in great success.

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Seventh Nagamori Award Winners (2021)

■ The Grand Nagamori Award (2021)

Name	Position / Affiliation	Title
Tom Oomen	Full Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Eindhoven University of Technology	Advanced motion control for precision mechatronics: identification, learning, and control

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Tobias Geyer	R&D Platform Manager, ABB System Drives	Research in and industrial productization of predictive control methods maximizing the power and efficiency of electrical drives
Leila Parsa	Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of California, Santa Cruz	Multi-phase permanent magnet motors, design, analysis, and control
Ronghai Qu	Professor, School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Huazhong University of Science & Technology	Flux modulation machines – theory, topologies, and applications
Akshay Kumar Rathore	Associate Professor, Graduate Program Director and Chair of Graduate Awards, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science, Concordia University	Optimal extremely low switching frequency control of medium voltage high power industrial motor drives
Jun Ueda	Professor, George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology	Cellular actuators inspired by biological muscles and their human assistive applications

