



The Twelfth Nagamori Awards Ceremony was Held Successfully

Nagamori Foundation held the Twelfth Nagamori Awards Ceremony at Hotel Okura Kyoto on Sunday, September 6, 2026 to honor the winners of the awards and the recipients of the research grant for 2026.

After the 6 Nagamori Awards winners presented their research topic, Nagamori Foundation's Review Committee chose Dr. Taro Nakamura (Professor, Chuo University) as the Grand Nagamori Award winner.

The commendation ceremony began with Prof. Hori, the Review Committee's Chair, explaining how the winners were selected, followed by the announcement of the Twelfth Grand Nagamori Award winner. Mr. Hirano, Director of Nagamori Foundation, delivered the Award Certificate to each Award winner and then representing the award winners, Professor Nakamura delivered a speech to express the pleasure of receiving the Award.

The next part of the ceremony was to present research grants ("Research Grant 2026") to the 22 researchers, mostly associate or assistant professors (9 new and 13 renewal recipients). Following that, Dr. Yuki Sato, Associate Professor, Shibaura Institute of Technology, gave a speech to appreciate the grant on behalf of all the grant recipients.

There was a special lecture from Dr. Hiroshi Fujimoto, Professor of the University of Tokyo and the 2nd Grand Nagamori Award winner, on "Dynamic Wireless Power Transfer to EVs: Japan's First Demonstration on Public Road".

Mr. YANO Kazuhiko, Vice Minister of Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology – Japan, gave a congratulatory address in person, representing the guests. The ceremony ended in great success.

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Twelfth Nagamori Award Winners (2026)

■ The Grand Nagamori Award (2026)

Name	Position / Affiliation	Title
Taro Nakamura	Professor, School of Science and Engineering, Chuo University	Development of variable viscoelastic actuation combining electromagnetic devices and fluid-driven systems and its application to physical interaction for human-robot systems

■ Nagamori Award Winners (2026)

Name	Position / Affiliation	Title
Tomislav Dragičević	Full Professor, Department of Wind and Energy Systems, Technical University of Denmark	Edge-intelligent power electronics for self-tuning, self-diagnosing motor drives
Drazen Dujic	Associate Professor, Power Electronics Laboratory, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)	For the industrial and research work in the field of the medium-voltage high-power solid state transformers
David Gerada	Professor of Electrical Machines, University of Nottingham	Advancements to high frequency electrical machines and associated technology bricks for accelerating society's journey towards net zero
Jonathan Hurst	Co-Founder and Chief Robot Officer, Agility Robotics Professor, School of Mechanical, Industrial, and Manufacturing Engineering, Oregon State University	Development of novel actuator and transmission dynamics for legged robots
Jamie Paik	Director of the Reconfigurable Robotics Lab, Full Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Vice-Dean of Engineering, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)	Multi-scale interactive reconfigurable origami surface (MIROS) enabling full-body haptic experiences for human connection

