



The Tenth Nagamori Awards Ceremony was Held Successfully

Nagamori Foundation held the Tenth Nagamori Awards Ceremony on Sunday, September 8, 2024 to honor the winners of the awards and the recipients of the research grant for 2024.

The ceremony was held at Hotel Okura Kyoto as the venue. Approximately 200 people, including the award winners, research grant recipients, and those related to Nagamori Foundation attended the ceremony.

Additionally, the winners of the 6th to 8th Nagamori Awards and the research grant recipients that attended the online ceremony in 2020-2022 participated in person. The ceremony was attended by many participants from academia.



Mr. Nagamori, Prof. Hori, and The 10th Nagamori Award winners

After the 6 Nagamori Awards winners presented their research topic, Nagamori Foundation's Review Committee chose Dr. Peter Sergeant (Full Professor, Ghent 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 Tenth 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, Professor Sergeant delivered a speech to express the pleasure of receiving the Award.



Mr. Nagamori, Prof. Hori, and the recipients of the research grant for 2024

The next part of the ceremony was to present research grants ("Research Grant 2024") to the 24 researchers, mostly associate or assistant professors (9 new and 15 renewal recipients). Following that, Dr. Yoshitsugu Otomo, Assistant Professor of Nagasaki University, gave a speech to appreciate the grant on behalf of all the grant recipients.

At this ceremony, the Grand Nagamori Award winners of the 6th, 7th and 8th Awards (Prof. Chris Gerada/ the University of Nottingham, Prof. Tom Oomen/ Eindhoven University of Technology and Delft University of Technology, Prof. Gianmario Pellegrino/ Politecnico di Torino) each gave a lecture titled "Receiving the Grand Nagamori Awards". Mr. FUJIWARA Akio, Vice Minister of Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology – Japan, gave a congratulatory address in person, representing the guests. Moreover, at the celebratory party, Mr. NISHIWAKI Takatoshi, Governor of Kyoto Prefecture gave a congratulatory address, and Mr. MATSUI Koji, Mayor of Kyoto City gave a toast. The ceremony ended in great success.

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Tenth Nagamori Award Winners (2024)

■ The Grand Nagamori Award (2024)

Name	Position / Affiliation	Title
Peter Sergeant	Full Professor, Department of Electromechanical, Systems and Metal Engineering, Ghent University/ Core Lab MIRO, FlandersMake@Ugent	Design of sustainable axial and radial flux synchronous electric machines

■ Nagamori Award Winners (2024)

Name	Position / Affiliation	Title
Makoto Hagiwara	Associate Professor, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, School of Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology	Application of multilevel power conversion technologies to industrial drives and DC-DC converters for moving vehicles
Christopher H. T. Lee	Associate Professor, School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Nanyang Technological University	For contributions to advancements in vernier motor drives and their industrial applications
Kenji Nakamura	Department of Management Science and Technology, Graduate School of Engineering, Tohoku University	Research and development on high-performance contactless magnetic gears and magnetic-gear machines
Allison Okamura	Richard W. Weiland Professor in the School of Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering and, by courtesy, Department of Computer Science, Stanford University	Soft growing robot actuation for navigation and exploration in constrained environments
Sara Roggia	Head of magniDrive Project, Power Electronics Department, magniX	Taking to the skies electric motors and propulsion units for electric aviation

