LYON TOHOKU

WINNERS OF THE 2007 TOHOKU UNIVERSITY

HONDA KŌTARŌ MEMORIAL PRIZE

The award is presented to honour overseas individuals and organisations for their outstanding contributions to the advancement of education and research at Tohoku University.

Patrick BOURGIN
Director, Ecole Centrale de Lyon

As Director of the Ecole Centrale de Lyon, the winner has exerted enormous energy in the promotion of research and academic cooperation between Ecole Centrale de Lyon and Tohoku University, including the signing of the Agreement for Education and Research Cooperation and that of the Memorandum for Double Degree Programme between the ECL and Tohoku University.

Fondation Renault

Thanks to scholarship programmes of the Fondation Renault, by the 2007 academic year a total of 13 students from Tohoku University have been enabled to study at prestigious French institutions. The scholarships sponsored by the Fondation Renault have not only given the students the rare opportunity to study at some of the most reputable institutions of higher education in the world under generous conditions of support, but also to form deep personal ties with the students and scholars of the institutions.

Albert PRÉVOS
Director, Centre International d'Études Pédagogiques

The winner served for three years, from 1972 to 1975, as a lecturer in French literature in the Faculty of Arts and Letters at Tohoku University, and among the many instructors from France who have taught there, he made the most significant contribution to education and research at the University. He laid the foundations for a new system of education and research in French literature at Tohoku University, and fostered a number of outstanding scholars.

Alain STORCK
Director, INSA de Lyon

As Director of INSA de Lyon, the winner played an enthusiastic role in promoting the creation in 2004 of a liaison office between INSA de Lyon and Tohoku University. After the establishment of this office he has continued to exert himself in the development of academic exchanges between INSA de Lyon and Tohoku University. He also demonstrated his leadership in contributing to the signing of the Memorandum for a Double Degree Programme between INSA de Lyon and Tohoku University.

Léo VINCENT
Professor, École Centrale de Lyon
Deputy Director, École Centrale de Marseille

For many years the winner has served as the bridge for academic exchange between Ecole Centrale de Lyon and Tohoku University, and has created a firm foundation for the close relations of academic cooperation that exist between the two institutes today. He has played the central role in the signing of a memorandum for a Double Degree Programme between Tohoku University and the Écoles Centrale group.

Alain Reza YAVARI,
Professor, Institute National Polytechnique de Grenoble

The winner has been a visiting professor at Tohoku University, affiliated with the laboratory of Professor Akihisa Inoue in the Institute for Materials Research and with the International Frontier Center for Advanced Materials, and has served as a member of the external advisory committee of the Institute for Materials Research, making an exceptional contribution to the development of the Institute for Materials Research into a world-class research organisation.