Prize Winners

(as of July 2023)

Nobel Laureates

Year Awarded	Name	Affiliation
1987	Hans Heinrich Rohrer	Visiting Professor, Institute for Materials Research; Honorary Doctor
1999	Ahmed H. Zewail	University Professor; Honorary Doctor
2002	Koichi Tanaka	School of Engineering; Honorary Doctor
2007	Peter Grünberg	University Professor; Visiting Professor, Institute for Materials Research; Honorary Doctor
2011	Daniel Shechtman	University Professor

Recipients of Japan's Order of Culture / Persons of Cultural Merit Award

Japan's Order of Culture honors significant contributions to the advancement or improvement of science, technology, the arts or culture. The conferment ceremony is held annually on November 3 (Culture Day) at the Imperial Palace's Matsu-no-Ma State Room and is awarded by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan. The Person of Cultural Merit Award is the country's second highest cultural honor. It is given to individuals for notable achievements in the development or refinement of Japanese culture.

Order of Culture (Year Awarded)	Persons of Cultural Merit Award	Name	Affiliation
1937	1951	Kotaro Honda	Research Institute for Iron, Steel and Other Metals
1944	1951	Kinjiro Okabe	Faculty of Engineering
1946	–	Kingo Miyabe	College of Agriculture
1949	1951	Riko Majima	Faculty of Science
1949	1951	Takematsu Okada	Faculty of Science
1950	1951	Hajime Tanabe	Faculty of Science
1950	1951	Bansui Tsuchii	Faculty of Law and Letters
1952	1952	Taizo Kumagai	Faculty of Medicine
1953	1952	Hisakatsu Yabe	Faculty of Science
1953	1952	Hakuju Ui	Faculty of Law and Letters
1954	1954	Yusuke Hagihara	Faculty of Science
1955	1955	Hakaru Masumoto	Research Institute for Iron, Steel and Other Metals
1956	1956	Takejiro Murakami	Research Institute for Iron, Steel and Other Metals
1956	1956	Hidetsugu Yagi	Faculty of Engineering
1957	1953	Yoshio Yamada	Faculty of Law and Letters
1958	1958	Tetsuo Nozoe	Faculty of Science
1959	1959	Tomizo Yoshida	Faculty of Medicine
1964	1964	Seiji Kaya	Research Institute for Iron, Steel and Other Metals
1965	1965	Shiro Akabori	Faculty of Science
1968	1968	Toshio Kurokawa	Faculty of Medicine
1971	1971	Takuma Yasui	Faculty of Economics
1973	1962	Ken Ishihara	Faculty of Law and Letters
1975	1975	Heisuke Hironaka	Faculty of Science
1984	1979	Shinji Takahashi	Faculty of Medicine
1987	1979	Takeo Kuwabara	Faculty of Law and Letters
1989	1983	Jun-ichi Nishizawa	Research Institute of Electrical Communication
2002	2002	Koichi Tanaka	School of Engineering; Honorary Doctor
2007	1999	Koji Nakanishi	Faculty of Science

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2008	2002	Donald Keene	Visiting Professor, Faculty of Arts and Letters; Honorary Doctor
2009	1986	Yorio Hinuma	School of Dentistry
2009	2003	Sumio Iijima	Research Institute for Scientific Measurements
2012	2007	Shigeru Oda	Faculty of Law
2013	1987	Shunichi Iwasaki	Research Institute of Electrical Communication
–	1954	Shonen Matsumura	College of Agriculture
–	1958	Satomi Takahashi	Faculty of Law and Letters
–	1959	Seiya Ito	College of Agriculture
–	1960	Yoshio Takeuchi	Faculty of Law and Letters
–	1963	Ryuzaburo Hara	Research Institute for Non-Aqueous Solution
–	1965	Masaichi Majima	College of Science
–	1970	Yasushi Watanabe	Faculty of Engineering
–	1976	Tetsu Sakamura	College of Agriculture
–	1976	Fukusaburo Numachi	Institute of High Speed Mechanics
–	1978	Takeshi Takei	Faculty of Science
–	1985	Yensho Kanakura	Faculty of Arts and Letters
–	1992	Yunoshin Imai	Institute for Materials Research
–	1992	Kinji Shimada	Faculty of Law and Letters
–	2000	Takeo Yokobori	Faculty of Engineering
–	2000	Tsuyoshi Masumoto	Institute for Materials Research
–	2003	Yasuo Iwata	Faculty of Arts and Letters
–	2006	Hidesato Ito	Institute of High Speed Mechanics
–	2007	Hideki Sakurai	Faculty of Science
–	2011	Akira Endo	Faculty of Agriculture
–	2013	Fujio Masuoka	Research Institute of Electrical Communication
–	2021	Atsuto Suzuki	Faculty of Science
–	2022	Sadao Koyama	Faculty of Low

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1914 (4th)	Shirota Kusakabe	College of Science
1916 (6th)	Kotaro Honda	College of Science
1917 (7th)	Riko Majima	College of Science
○ 1918 (8th)	Keita Shibata	College of Agriculture
○ 1919 (9th)	Jun Ishihara	Faculty of Science
1919 (9th)	Koichi Ichikawa	College of Agriculture
○ 1921 (11th)	Gennosuke Fuse	Faculty of Medicine
1921 (11th)	Hikoshichiro Matsumoto	Faculty of Science
1925 (15th)	Shinkishi Hatai	Faculty of Science
△ 1925 (15th)	Takeshi Sone	Research Institute for Iron, Steel and Other Metals
△ 1927 (17th)	Takejiro Murakami	Research Institute for Iron, Steel and Other Metals
○ 1928 (18th)	Soichi Kakeya	Faculty of Science
1931 (21st)	Hakuju Ui	Faculty of Law and Letters
1931 (21st)	Hakaru Masumoto	Research Institute for Iron, Steel and Other Metals
△ 1932 (22nd)	Shintaro Uda	Faculty of Engineering
△ 1933 (23rd)	Hiroshi Nomura	Faculty of Science
1934 (24th)	Yoshiaki Tadokoro	Faculty of Science
1935 (25th)	Saburo Unno	Faculty of Science
○ 1936 (26th)	Tomizo Yoshida	Faculty of Medicine
△ 1936 (26th)	Toshio Hoshino	Faculty of Science
1940 (30th)	Tario Kikuta	Provisional Institute of Physical and Chemical Research

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○ 1941 (31st)	Kinjiro Okabe	Faculty of Engineering
1941 (31st)	Terutaro Ogata	Faculty of Science
1942 (32nd)	Seiji Kaya	Research Institute for Iron, Steel and Other Metals
1943 (33rd)	Gyokujo Kihara	Faculty of Medicine
1944 (34th)	Munio Kotake	Faculty of Science
1944 (34th)	Hiroshi Terao	Institute for Agricultural Research
○ 1946 (36th)	Hakaru Masumoto	Research Institute for Iron, Steel and Other Metals
1947 (37th)	Masaichi Majima	College of Science
1950 (40th)	Fukusaburo Numachi	Faculty of Engineering
1951 (41st)	Teizo Ogawa	Faculty of Medicine
1952 (42nd)	Jitsusaburo Sameshima	Faculty of Science
1953 (43rd)	Yensho Kanakura	Faculty of Arts and Letters
1953 (43rd)	Tetsuo Nozoe	Faculty of Science
1953 (43rd)	Masao Naruse	Faculty of Engineering
○ 1953 (43rd)	Tomizo Yoshida	Faculty of Medicine
1954 (44th)	Koichi Motokawa	Faculty of Medicine
1955 (45th)	Yensho Kanakura	Faculty of Arts and Letters
1955 (45th)	Ryujo Yamada	Faculty of Arts and Letters
1955 (45th)	Hakuyu Hadano	Faculty of Arts and Letters
1955 (45th)	Tokan Tada	Faculty of Arts and Letters
1955 (45th)	Shiro Akabori	Faculty of Science

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1956 (46th)	Ichiro Hori	Faculty of Arts and Letters
1957 (47th)	Yutaka Orimo	Faculty of Law
○ 1957 (47th)	Hajime Nakamura	Faculty of Arts and Letters
1959 (49th)	Osamu Takata	Faculty of Arts and Letters
○ 1960 (50th)	Osamu Takata	Faculty of Arts and Letters
○ 1960 (50th)	Tsugio Miya	Faculty of Arts and Letters
1960 (50th)	Eizo Kanda	Faculty of Science
1961 (51st)	Tomoo Sato	Faculty of Engineering
1961 (51st)	Eikichi Iso	College of Agriculture
1963 (53rd)	Harujiro Sekiguchi	Research Institute for Iron, Steel and Other Metals
1967 (57th)	Yunoshin Imai	Research Institute for Iron, Steel and Other Metals
1968 (58th)	Yoshio Kato	Faculty of Science
1968 (58th)	Makoto Kandatsu	Institute for Agricultural Research
1969 (59th)	Mitsuo Miyata	Faculty of Law
1969 (59th)	Usaburo Mizushima	Faculty of Agriculture
1970 (60th)	Giichi Yamamoto	Faculty of Science
1970 (60th)	Heisuke Hironaka	Faculty of Science
1971 (61st)	Takeo Yokobori	Faculty of Engineering
1972 (62nd)	Kozo Okamoto	Faculty of Medicine
1973 (63rd)	Zenji Nishiyama	Research Institute for Iron, Steel and Other Metals
1974 (64th)	Jun-ichi Nishizawa	Research Institute of Electrical Communication

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1975 (65th)	Toshio Kitazumi	Faculty of Arts and Letters
1975 (65th)	Yoichi Higuchi	Faculty of Law
1975 (65th)	Hidesato Ito	Institute of High Speed Mechanics
1975 (65th)	Takashi Kubota	Faculty of Science
※ 1977 (67th)	Shinji Takahashi	Faculty of Medicine
1977 (67th)	Kinji Shimada	Faculty of Law and Letters
1977 (67th)	Shun-ichi Akasofu	Faculty of Science
1979 (69th)	Taketoshi Sato	Faculty of Law and Letters
1980 (70th)	Tetsuji Kametani	Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences
1981 (71st)	Akira Kinoshita	Faculty of Economics
※ 1982 (72nd)	Shizuo Kakutani	Faculty of Science
1983 (73rd)	Tsuyoshi Masumoto	Research Institute for Iron, Steel and Other Metals
1987 (77th)	Nakao Ishida	School of Medicine
1987 (77th)	Shunichi Iwasaki	Research Institute of Electrical Communication
1987 (77th)	Yoshikatsu Tsuboi	Faculty of Engineering
◎ 1988 (78th)	Makoto Numata	Institute of Agricultural Research
※ 1989 (79th)	Yorio Hinuma	School of Dentistry
※ 1990 (80th)	Koji Nakanishi	Faculty of Science
1990 (80th)	Hiroshi Tsuji	Faculty of Engineering
1992 (82nd)	Hideji Suzuki	Institute for Materials Research
1993 (83rd)	Hajime Yamamoto	School of Dentistry

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1993 (83rd)	Keiya Tada	School of Medicine
1993 (83rd)	Goro Kikuchi	School of Medicine
※ 1994 (84th)	Hideki Sakurai	Faculty of Science
1994 (84th)	Yasunari Maruyama	Faculty of Arts and Letters
1998 (88th)	Takane Sugihara	Faculty of Law
※ 2002 (92nd)	Sumio Iijima	Research Institute for Scientific Measurements
◎ 2002 (92nd)	Yasushi Kurihara	Faculty of Science
2002 (92nd)	Akihisa Inoue	Institute for Materials Research
2002 (92nd)	Kokichi Hinata	Faculty of Agriculture
2003 (93rd)	Hiroshi Okamoto	Graduate School of Medicine
2003 (93rd)	Makoto Endo	School of Medicine
※ 2004 (94th)	Takeshi Yasumoto	Faculty of Agriculture
2005 (95th)	Hideo Ohno	Research Institute of Electrical Communication
2006 (96th)	Atsuto Suzuki	Graduate School of Science
2007 (97th)	Koji Kato	Graduate School of Engineering
2007 (97th)	Asahiko Taira	Faculty of Science
※ 2009 (99th)	Tetsumi Murakami	Faculty of Arts and Letters
2009 (99th)	Sadafumi Kawato	Graduate School of Law
2010 (100th)	Hiroshi Ohrui	Graduate School of Life Sciences
◎ 2010 (100th)	Moritaka Nishihira	Graduate School of Life Sciences
2013 (103rd)	Masataka Nakazawa	Research Institute of Electrical Communication
2013 (103rd)	Eimei Sato	Graduate School of Agricultural Science
2014 (104th)	Masayuki Yamamoto	Graduate School of Medicine
2014 (104th)	Nobuo Shuto	School of Engineering
2015 (105th)	Masakuni Suzuki	School of Medicine
※ 2017 (107th)	Akira Hasegawa	Graduate School of Science
2017 (107th)	Toshimitsu Yokobori	Graduate School of Engineering
2019 (109th)	Masahiro Hirama	Graduate School of Science
2021 (111th)	Tatsuo Uchida	Graduate School of Engineering
2022 (112th)	Eiji Saitoh	Advanced Institute for Materials Research

○ The Imperial Prize (Japan Academy Prize) Recipients
※ Imperial Prize and Japan Academy Prize Recipients
◎ Duke of Edinburgh Prize (Japan Academy Prize) Recipients
△ Osaka Mainichi Prize (Japan Academy Prize) Recipients