



## The Asian Association for the Study of Diabetes (AASD) Announces the AASD Award Recipients of 2015

From AASD Secretariat

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Tokyo, Japan - The Asian Association for the Study of Diabetes, AASD (Yutaka Seino, Chairman), announced today that it has determined the three AASD Award recipients for the year 2015.

AASD Awards are made to honor substantial contributions to the mission of AASD: Promoting Research for Better Diabetes Care in Asia. Recipients are individuals who by their outstanding leadership and career achievements in diabetes research, clinical care and education have enriched diabetes care in our region and worldwide.

### ■ The Yutaka Seino Distinguished Leadership Award

The AASD's highest honor recognizes the lifetime achievements and exceptional contributions of an individual to the field of Diabetology in Asia. Professor Yutaka Seino is best known for his prominent contributions to our understanding of insulin secretion and incretin action and for founding and nurturing AASD.

**2015 Recipient:** Wilfred Fujimoto (Professor Emeritus, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, USA, and Visiting Professor, Jichi Medical University, Japan)

**Reason:** In recognition of his outstanding contributions to our understanding of the pathogenesis of diabetes from an ethnicity/lifestyle interaction point of view, focusing especially on Japanese-Americans as a model, and long-term leadership in research and education in the epidemiology of diabetes in Asia

### ■ The Xiaoren Pan Distinguished Research Award for Epidemiology of Diabetes in Asia

The AASD award presented in recognition of outstanding epidemiological research in the field of diabetes and related metabolic diseases to improve diabetes care in Asia. The late Professor Xiaoren Pan was a renowned researcher, mentor, and clinician best known for his contributions to diabetes epidemiological research, especially in prevention of diabetes in Asia.

**2015 Recipient:** Juliana Chan (Professor of Medicine and Therapeutics, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin, Hong Kong SAR, CHINA, Director, Hong Kong Institute of Diabetes and Obesity, the Chinese University of Hong Kong)

**Reason:** In recognition of her outstanding achievements in diabetes epidemiology and prevention in Asia, in particular, diabetes in Chinese, through genetic approaches, and her great contributions in training and nurturing young diabetes researchers and clinicians in the field.

### ■ The Masato Kasuga Award for Outstanding Scientific Achievement

The AASD award presented to a young investigator in recognition of meritorious accomplishments in the field of diabetes and related metabolic diseases in Asia. Professor Masato Kasuga is best known for his valued contributions to our understanding of basic science and the mechanism of insulin action.

**2015 Recipient:** Naoto Kubota (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo, Japan)



**Reason:** In recognition of his outstanding achievements in elucidation of the molecular mechanisms of insulin signaling and insulin resistance, particularly those contributing to our understanding of the roles of PPAR $\gamma$  and IRS.

■ **AASD Award Ceremony**

The AASD Award ceremony for 2015 will be held during the 7th AASD Scientific Meeting.

Date: November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

Venue: Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center

Official website: <http://www.aasd2015hk.org/>

■ **About AASD**

Established in 2009 with the mission of Promoting Research for Better Diabetes Care in Asia, AASD is contributing to the development of research and clinical practice in the field of diabetes, metabolism and endocrinology. The organization now includes more than 1,700 members from Asia and the world who are researchers, medical professionals, educators, paramedicals and students working in basic science, translational medicine and clinical research.

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## ■ About the award recipients

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Professor Emeritus, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, USA  
Visiting Professor, Jichi Medical University, Japan

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**Previous Awards:** Kelly West Award for Outstanding Achievement in Epidemiology from the American Diabetes Association, Per Bjorntorp/Jean Vague Lecture Award from the International Chair on Cardiometabolic Risk, and many other awards

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#### **Prof. Juliana CN Chan**

Professor of Medicine and Therapeutics, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin, Hong Kong SAR, CHINA  
Director, Hong Kong Institute of Diabetes and Obesity, the Chinese University of Hong Kong

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**Previous Awards:** China Women Physicians Association Intercontinental Innovation Award in Clinical Research. The Association is recognized as one of 7 International Diabetes Federation Centres of Education for using research to change practice and influence policy. She also is the winner of many other awards.

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Associate Professor, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo, Japan

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**Previous Awards:** Lilly Prize from Japan Diabetes Society, Research Encouragement Prize from Japan Endocrine Society, and many other awards.