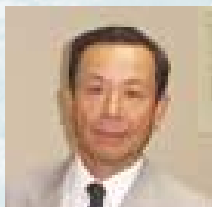




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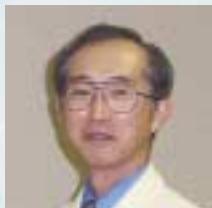
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Leadership Circle Awards Presented in Japan



On September 17, The Electrochemical Society's Director of Development, Troy M. Miller, visited Japan to present Leadership Circle Awards to seven Japanese companies. Established in 2002, the Leadership Circle Award recognizes long-term supporters of the Society through the Contributing Membership program. This Award is just an additional way ECS has of thanking our partners in electrochemistry and solid-state science.

Scientists and engineers from Japan have been participants in numerous ECS activities. The Japanese Section has over 750 members, ranking it second in size only to the European Section. Of the 65 Society contributing members, eleven (17%) are Japanese companies. Approximately fifteen percent of the papers published in ECS technical journals are written by Japanese authors. ECS has a wonderful relationship with The Electrochemical Society of Japan (ECSJ), and has cosponsored meetings with ECSJ in Honolulu in 1987, 1993, and 1999; and will be cosponsoring a meeting in Hawaii in the fall of 2004. In addition, ECS satellite meetings are conducted in Japan. ISTC 2002, the second ECS International Semiconductor Technology Conference, was held in Tokyo this past September and IMLB

12, the International Meeting on Lithium Batteries, will be held in Nara in 2004.

Leadership Circle Awards were presented to the following companies. **C. UYEMURA & Co., LTD.**, Bronze Award, Ken Araki, Director, Central Research Lab; **YUASA**, Silver Award, Dr. Masahiko Oshitani, Executive Officer, GM, Advanced Battery 2nd Research Lab; **DAISO**, Bronze Award, Tomoo Inoue, Managing Director, Chemical Specialties Div. Electrolytic Systems Division; **PERMELEC ELECTRODE LTD.**, Bronze Award, Shigemitsu Yokoyama, President and CEO; **TDK**, Silver Award, Dr. Kenryo Namba, General Manager, R&D Center; **MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CORPORATION**, Silver Award, Dr. Tadashi Nishimura, Deputy General Manager, Semiconductor Group, ULSI Development Center; and **JAPAN STORAGE BATTERY Co., Ltd**, Silver Award, Dr. Hideo Yasuda, GM, Fundamental Technology Laboratory, Corporate R&D Center.

ECS thanks the above companies for their hospitality, and appreciated the opportunity to visit and discuss the future relationship between these valuable international partners and the Society. For more information about the Leadership Circle Award, or to see a pictorial of ECS's visit to Japan, please go to www.electrochem.org. ■