

## 2011 C&C Prize Ceremony

The 2011 C&C Prize Ceremony was held at the ANA Intercontinental Hotel Tokyo on November 28, 2011, with over 100 attendees ( **Photo 1** ).

In the welcoming speech, President Hajime Sasaki introduced the activities of the NEC C&C Foundation, where he noted that it is the 27th ceremony of the C&C Prize and the number of C&C Prize recipients totaled 88 by 2011. He also mentioned that the foundation changed its legal status to that of a public interest incorporated foundation in December 2010 and will continue to execute its mission.

Then, Dr. Yasuharu Suematsu, the chairman of the award committee, announced two groups of 2011 C&C Prize Recipients with an explanation of the selection process. The group A recipient is Dr. Akira Yoshino, Fellow, Asahi Kasei Corporation, for his “Pioneering Contributions to the Development and Commercialization of the Lithium-Ion Battery.” Prof. Norman Abramson, Professor Emeritus, University of Hawaii, and Dr. Robert M. Metcalfe, Professor of Innovation, the University of Texas at Austin, are recipients of group B for their “Outstanding Leadership Resulting in the Invention, Standardization, and Commercialization of Internet Packet Access, Beginning with ALOHANET and then Ethernet.” All recipients were given certificates, plaques and cash awards from President Sasaki ( **Photo 2** and **Photo 3** ).

Dr. Akira Yoshino gave an acceptance speech titled “Course of development of the lithium-ion battery (LIB).” He started developing the non-aqueous type secondary ion battery having the belief in its future possibilities. He made every effort in finding the optimum material of positive and negative electrodes. He also demonstrated safeness of lithium-ion battery with a video of comparative experiments for accidental firing.

In the acceptance speech of Prof. Norman Abramson, he introduced the history of developing “ALOHANET” access control system, that connected computer facilities on the Hawaiian Islands by a wireless network, and how the system was improved and applied to Ethernet, mobile data communication, and Internet access in general. In addition, Dr. Robert M. Metcalfe thanked cooperating companies and persons for their partnership to implement and deployment of Ethernet. He also appreciated Japanese supports from the early stage of developments. Many attendees may be impressed to hear that there had been many contributions by Japanese in such a leading-edge research.



Photo 1 2011 C&C Prize Ceremony



Photo 2 President Sasaki (left) presents a certificate to Dr. Akira Yoshino (right).



Photo 3 Dr. Akira Yoshino, Dr. Robert M. Metcalfe and Prof. Norman Abramson (From left to right).

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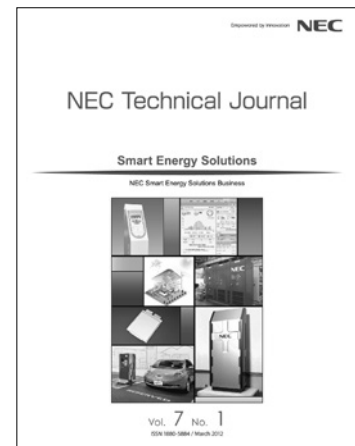
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