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On January 21, Sakuradakai Foundation held the 44th Sakuradakai Political Research Awards Ceremony and Political Research Grant Presentation Ceremony at the Mitsubishi Club in Marunouchi, Tokyo.

Nobuhiko Tamaki, Professor of Chuo University's Faculty of Law, recipient of the Sakuradakai Gold Medal for Political Research, and the Encouragement Award recipients were presented with certificates and medals by Masahiko Masuda, president of Sakuradakai. Certificates were also presented to the researchers receiving the Political Research Grants. Attendees included members of the Selection Committee, deans from the eight designated universities, guests, and Sakurada-kai associates, totaling 55 participants.

Following the ceremony, Akira Nakamura, Professor Emeritus of Meiji University, Chair of the Selection Committee, delivered remarks. Junichi Saito professor of Waseda University gave a lecture titled “Concepts to Replace Democracy,” and Ken Tsutsumibayashi, professor of Keio University reported on the Sakuradakai Centennial Project.

The subsequent reception saw participants gathered around tables, engaging in friendly conversation.

Sakuradakai will continue to contribute to the advancement of political science through its initiatives, collaborating with political researchers, as it looks toward its 100th anniversary in 2034.





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Katsuhiko Masuda, president of Sakuradakai delivering the opening remarks



The Mitsubishi Club signage



The view to the west from the window



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<Sakuradakai Political Research Award Ceremony>

TAMAKI Nobuhiko, Professor
Chuo University, receiving the
Gold Medal Certificate of
Sakuradakai Political Research
Award



The Gold Medal was awarded.

Awarded book title:
'When the Imperial America concedes'
Publisher: Iwanami Shoten





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Receiving the Certificate of the
Sakuradakai Encouragement Award
for Political Research
NOGUCHI Masahiro,
Professor, Seikei University



The Silver Medal was awarded.

Awarded book title:
‘What does neutrality mean?’
Publisher: Asahi Shuppan





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KAWASHIMA Shuichi,
Professor, Meiji University
receiving the certificate of the
Sakuradakai Encouragement
Award for Political Research

The Silver Medal was awarded.



Awarded book title:
'The history of Anglo-French'
Publisher: Chuko Shinsho





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TAKAYAMA Yuji,
Professor, Meiji University
Receiving the Certificate of the
Sakuradakai Encouragement
Award for Political Research

The Silver Medal was awarded.



Awarded book title:
'Robespierre the Dictator who believed in
Democracy'
Publisher: Shinchosha



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<Political Research Grant Presentation>

'Theme of Research'



ITO Shuichiro, Professor
Gakushuin University
'Comprehensive planning
in Local Politics and
Public Management'

MUGIYAMA Ryota,
Associate Professor,
'Long-term trend in Inequality of
Opportunity in Japa, using Harmonizing
Social Survey Data'



TSUTSUMIBAYASHI Ken,
Professor, Keio University

'Methodological Reflections on the
study of Global Political Thought'



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TAKENOSHITA Hirohisa
Professor, Keio University

‘Political incorporation of immigrants in Japan: The focus on the intention of citizenship acquisition’

MASUKATA Shuichiro
Associate Professor
Keiko University

‘External voting under strengthened Immigration and Residence Governance: The Mediating Effect of Intermediary Organization Network among Brazilians in Japan’



MIYOKAWA Natsuko
Assistant Professor,
Seikei University

‘Multilayered channel of Japan in diplomacy for East Asia – Focusing Taiwan, Korea, Okinawa in 1970-1980’



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ISOZAKI Hatsuhito
Professor, Chuo University
'An Empirical Study on the
Evolving Division of
Responsibilities between
prefectures and municipalities
in the age of population decline'

WATANABE Yoichiro
Professor, Nihon
University
'A historical study of
self-perception and
presentation of a
conservative Party in
the house of
common'



FUKUMORI Kenichiro
Full-time Lecturer
Nihon University
'Conditions for
collaborative
governance to work'



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NAKANO Katsuro
Professor, Hosei University
'Populism and Democracy -
A comparative study between the US
and France'



USHIYAMA Kunihiko
Professor, Meiji University
'Challenges and issues of
coproduction in Japan'

KATO Akihiko
Professor, Meiji University

'Developing a new population and
family policy based on analysis of
fertility decline in Japan'





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OMORI Sawa
Professor, Waseda University
'Empirical policy evaluation of
rice farming mechanization in
the Philippines: An examination
from the perspective of farmer
organization institution'

HIRUTA Kei
Associate Professor,
Waseda University

'How the study of political thought
in Japan can contribute to comparative
political theory'



NAKAJIMA Yasuyo
Professor,
Chuo University

'Redistribution and
recognition in the
Securitization process:
A reflexive approach'



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SORAI Mamoru
Professor,
Seikei University

'Revisiting G. Satori's
theory of Parties and
party system'



KIMURA Masatoshi
Professor, Hosei University

'Music and Politics: Bob Dylan
and Israel'

SHIMIZU Jun
Associate Professor
Waseda University

'Theoretical Rivalry over
American Indian land title:
Natural Law Theory in early
modern age and its impact upon
19th century America'





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NAKAMURA Akira,
Chair of the Selection
Committee, delivering
speech.



Acknowledgement: Tamaki Nobuhiko, representing awardee.



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Lecture by SAITO Junichi, Professor,
Waseda University
'A vision to replace democracy'



TSUTSUMIBAYASHI Ken, Professor,
Keio University
reports on the progress of Sakuradakai
centennial project





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Everyone enjoying lively conversation





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The ceremonies took place in subsequent days at Sakuradakai office as well.



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February 10th, 2026

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