

Awards

2018 Intellectual Property Award and President's Award Ceremonies

Intellectual Property Award Secretariat, President's Award System Secretariat

The Intellectual Property Award and President's Award Ceremonies were simultaneously held on July 20. There were 82 participants including online attendees from Fuji-Susono Plant.

At the ceremony, our president & CEO Tetsu Matsui presented certificates of commendation to individuals and groups of employees in recognition of their successes in 2017.

Intellectual Property Award Ceremony

Mr. Natsubori, General Manager of the Intellectual Property Department, introduced the activities of the Sumitomo Riko Group before the secretariat announced the results of the judging. After the award presentations, the winners of the Prize for Excellence in Strategic Filing, Mr. Yamamoto of Industrial Products and Materials Business Unit, and the Business Contribution Prize, Mr. Kume of Automotive Anti-Vibration Products Engineering Division, introduced examples of their winning IP activities.

Please take a look at the Intellectual Property Department's website. It shows the pre-ceremony poster session, results details, and a list of award and certification recipients.

President's Award Ceremony

As the table shows, six cases were selected for this year's President's Awards. The level was very high. For the first time in the 15-year history of the awards, there were three Gold Awards. The secretariat explained the judging process and then the president presented the leaders of the winning groups with honorable certificates. After this came commemorative lectures by Gold Award winners Mr. Kato of Hose Innovation & Process Development Office, Automotive Hose Business Unit and Mr. Nakamura (Mr. Taya's group) of the Production Engineering Department, Anti-Vibration Products Production Engineering Department. The other Gold Award winner was Mr. Mizutani of SRK-HT. He gave a commemorative lecture at the Sumitomo Riko Technology Awards, where his group was also a winner.

President's comments

Congratulations to all the award winners. We are a MONOZUKURI company. In our recently established 2022V business strategy, we announced our new business and new customer development



Intellectual Property Award winners



President's Award winning group leaders

and our MONOZUKURI innovation. Rather than be content with our current technologies, we need to keep facing challenges in order to stay one step ahead of our rivals. I hope all our award winners will take their experience of success back to their workplaces so that our company and employees can grow together. Nowadays, open innovation with other companies has also become important. This is because work environments have changed a lot and it is difficult to carry out all technical development oneself. Carefully manage our company's intellectual properties and technologies, and then make free use of strategies utilizing those intellectual properties to create new technologies.

◆2018 Intellectual Property Award details

*Case introductions

Prize Name	Section Name	Winner
Filing Contribution Prize	Engineering Section No.14, Anti-Vibration Products Engineering Department No.1	Ryota Ishikawa
	New Products Development Office, New Business Development Center	Susumu Sato
	New Products Development Office, New Business Development Center	Wataru Takahashi
	Engineering Section No.21, Anti-Vibration Products Engineering Department No.2	Shingo Tanaka
Filing Contribution Prize for New Workers	Advanced Systems Development Office, Advanced Automotive Systems R&D Center	Katsuhiko Nakano
	Engineering Section No.21, Anti-Vibration Products Engineering Department No.2	Shingo Tanaka
Prize Name	Section Name (No. of People) *Section at time of winning theme activities*	Leader
Prize for Excellence in Strategic Filing	Chemical and Plastic Products Business Unit / Industrial Products Material Engineering Office, Material Technology Division (4)	Shinpei Miyagawa
	Anti-Seismic / Seismic Control Device Engineering Department, Industrial Products and Materials Business Unit (4)	Yoshihisa Yamamoto*
Strategic Filing Prize	Industrial Products Material Engineering Office, Material Technology Division / SRK-FE (5)	Shota Hayashi
	Thermal Management Products Development Office, Advanced Engineering Research and Development Laboratories (2)	Katsumi Okashita
	Industrial Products Material Engineering Office, Material Technology Division / Chemical and Plastic Products Business Unit (6)	Ryosuke Yamaoka
	Engineering Section No.22, Anti-Vibration Products Engineering Department No.2 (2)	Tadamitsu Minamisawa
	Engineering Section No.21, Anti-Vibration Products Engineering Department No.2 (2)	Shingo Tanaka
Business Contribution Prize	Electro Device Development Office, Advanced Engineering Research and Development Laboratories (4)	Yutaro Taguchi
	Engineering Section No.11, Anti-Vibration Products Engineering Department No.1 (5)	Takashi Kume*
	SRK-GER (2)	M. Mohr, T. Gleiss
Prize Name	No. of Target Cases / Certified People	
New Business Contribution Prize	Patent 6155312, Charging rollers for photocopiers (plus 4 other cases)	
Patent Master	1 newly certified person, Bronze Award: Data Science Laboratory Office, Yosuke Hayashi	
Prize for Diverting Other Companies	Patent 5637894, Touch switch (plus 33 other cases)	
Special Prize	Prizes for Reporting Infringements on Our Rights 3 Prizes	

◆2018 President's Award Winners (Dept. names at time of activities)

Prize Name	Leader (Department / Person)	Collaborating Sections	No. of Group Members	Prizemoney
Gold Award	Hose Innovation & Process Development Office Takeshi Kato	Automotive Products Material Engineering Office, Material Technology Division/Matsusaka Production Engineering Department, Automotive Hose Business Headquarters	7	¥200,000
	Production Engineering Department, Anti-Vibration Products Production Division Koichi Taya	Equipment Engineering Department, Anti-Vibration Products Production Division/Mold Engineering Department/Komaki Manufacturing Department No.1/Engineering Department No.1, Anti-Vibration Products Engineering Division	13	¥200,000
	SRK-HT Shugo Mizutani Production Engineering Development Office No.1, MONOZUKURI Research and Development Laboratories Masahiro Hasegawa		5	¥200,000
Silver Award	Engineering Department No.3, Chemical and Plastic Products Engineering Division Junichiro Suenaga	Engineering Department No.2, Chemical and Plastic Products Engineering Division/Initial Products Department, Chemical and Plastic Products Engineering Division/Industrial Products Material Engineering Office, Material Technology Division	8	¥100,000
	Anti-Vibration Products Engineering Department No.3 Satoshi Umemura	SRK-TCA/Sumitomo Riko America/Global Sale Planning Department/SRK-GER/Sumitomo Riko Europe	14	¥100,000
Auditor's Special Award	Electro Device Development Office, Advanced Engineering Research and Development Laboratories Yasuhiro Honjo	New Products Development Office, New Business Development Center/System Technology Development Office /Advanced Systems Development Office, Advanced Automotive Systems R&D Center	12	¥50,000

Overseas bases

Japanese course at our Italian logistics partner Lo Cont

Logistics Planning Office



Enrico Lo Conte, President (2nd from right) and Mr. Kiyota, Logistics Planning Office (4th from right) with the staff of Lo Conte

The Sumitomo Riko Group's logistics partner in Southern Italy is Traporti e Logistica Lo Conte srl. The company has been featured in the influential Napoli-based newspaper Il Mattino. Lo Conto is commissioned to do warehouse operations and transportation of SRK-ITA's FCA products. The newspaper now reports that Lo Conto has started in-house Japanese lessons.

We first met them in 2014, but still remember being shocked by how different their ideas on logistics were compared to Japan. There are still some misunderstandings due to cultural differences. But their efforts to understand Japanese customs, culture and people are admirable and stimulating. It reminds us of the importance of mutual respect and understanding.

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2017 Sumitomo Riko Technology Award (SRTA) Ceremony

2017 Awards Secretariat

The second Sumitomo Riko Technology Award ceremony was held on July 19. Awards are presented for technical developments that exhibit excellence in innovation, technical depth, applicability, and so on. The purpose is to increase motivation and encourage creativity that will lead to our future core technologies. Awards are given in the categories of research, technology and production engineering. The very best of these category winners receives the Sumitomo Riko Technology Award (SRTA).

◆Sumitomo Riko Technology Award (Category: Production Engineering Award)

*Leaders are written in blue

Department	Name (without honorifics)
Production Engineering Department and Manufacturing Department, Sumitomo Riko Hosetex	Shugo Mizutani Mitsuhiro Tsukahara, Tatsunori Ninomiya, Kazuhiro Oita
MONOZUKURI Research and Development Laboratories, Production Function Headquarters	Kazuaki Watanabe, Masahiro Hasegawa, Kiyoshi Sakai, Kazuhito Hamada, Kazuya Oura

◆Research Award

Department	Name (without honorifics)
Core Technology Laboratory Office, Fundamental Material Development Laboratory, Research and Development Headquarters	Yasuhiro Honjo Shigeaki Takamatsu, Hitoshi Yoshikawa
New Products Development Office, New Business Development Center, System Technology Development Office, IoT Device Center	Wataru Takahashi Yo Kato, Masanori Yamamoto, Atsuki Shimizu, Tadamasu Kondo, Kazutomo Goto

◆Research Award

Department	Name (without honorifics)
Engineering Headquarters, Tokai Chemical Industries	Mari Azumi Mitio Ito, Takahiko Endo, Seiji Kobayashi, Takemasa Okumura



Award recipients: Mr. Azumi (left), Mr. Mizutani (3rd from left), Mr. Takahashi (2nd from right), Mr. Honjo (right)



Judging committee chairperson Mr. Abe explaining how award winners were selected