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**The First “JCIA LRI Award”:
Awardee of Superior Study on the Effects of Chemicals on Human Health
and Environment Has Been Determined**

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As part of the activities in the Long-range Research Initiative to encourage (foster) researchers, Japan Chemical Industry Association (JCIA) has established from this fiscal year the “JCIA LRI Award” at the Japanese Society of Toxicology (JSOT President: Dr. SunaoManabe) to award researchers who have achieved superior research results in the effects of chemical on human health and environment, and the first awardee has recently been determined as follows:

For this award, applicants were recruited on the website of JSOT from the end of March to early April this year. Applicants were carefully reviewed by the JCIA LRI award selection subcommittee of JSOT. As a result, JCIA has formally approved the recommendation of awardee.

[Awardee]:Dr. Satoshi Kitajima, Section Chief, Division of Cellular and Molecular Toxicology, Biological Safety Research Center, National Institute of Health Sciences

[Theme]: Study on high-throughput, Quantitative, and Highly-accurate Analysis for the Hazard Assessment of Chemicals

[Winning reason]:The awardee achieved superior results in the development of assessment methods of nano-materials on human health, development of assessment methods using human-model experiment animals, and toxicogenomics(to attempt to overcome the differences of reactivity between species by analyzing toxic reactions as genetic information rather than as simple phenomena). His research achievements substantially contributed to the development of assessment methods to determine the effects of chemicals based on a molecular mechanism. In addition, as a member of the government’s council and an educator, he has also contributed socially for the safe use of chemicals.

Dr. Kitajima is scheduled to deliver his commemorative lecture at the briefing session of the JCIA’s “LRI Annual Meeting” to be held on August 28, 2015.

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