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2009-2010 Kyoto Scholarships

Value: Up to \$10,000 per Scholarship

The Kyoto Symposium Organization, The San Diego Foundation, and the Inamori Foundation of Kyoto, Japan invite all high schools in the City and County of San Diego (public, private and parochial), as well as Tijuana-area high schools, to participate in the 2009-2010 Kyoto Scholarships. The program is limited to graduating high school seniors.

Background

In March 2009, for the eighth consecutive year, the non-profit Inamori Foundation will host the **Kyoto Laureate Symposium** (KLS) in San Diego, bringing the latest winners of the Kyoto Prize to America for a three-day celebration in their honor. *(Before you, as a potential applicant, read further about this exciting scholarship, please go to the following website: http://www.inamori-f.or.jp/index_e.html (see "Laureates of This Year") OR to: <http://www.kyotoprize.org> to learn more about one of the most prestigious prizes for lifetime achievement given worldwide.)*

The next Kyoto Laureate Symposium will take place March 18-20, 2009, with events at San Diego State University, the University of California, San Diego, and the University of San Diego. The week's Opening Ceremony and Gala will take place in San Diego on the night of March 18, during which the six recipients of the 2009-2010 Kyoto Scholarships will be announced. Recipients will meet the latest Kyoto Prize Laureates in person and will receive a scholarship valued at up to \$10,000.

The 2008 Kyoto Prize Laureates

The Kyoto Prize is awarded on November 10 each year in three broad categories — Advanced Technology, Basic Sciences, and Arts and Philosophy — with specific prize fields chosen annually within each category. For 2008, the Advanced Technology prize, focusing on the field of "Information Science" will be presented to **Dr. Richard Manning Karp** *for his fundamental contributions to the theory of computational complexity*. The Basic Sciences prize, focusing on the field of "Life Sciences: Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, and Neurobiology," will be presented to **Dr. Anthony Pawson** *for proposing and proving the concept of adapter molecules, which has contributed significantly to the development of the life sciences*. The Arts and Philosophy prize, focusing on "Thought and Ethics," will be presented to **Dr. Charles Taylor** *for constructing a social philosophy that actively pursues the harmonious coexistence of diverse cultures*.

How to Apply for the Scholarship

1. Essay

Using one of the 2008 Kyoto Prize Laureates as your subject, please write a two-part essay not to exceed 2,000 words in length. *In Part 1 (up to 1,000 words)*, explain what inspires you most about the Laureate's life, achievements, and contribution to society. *In Part 2 (also up to 1,000 words)*, consider this Laureate's field and explain how and why you dream of contributing to it, or a similar field, through your own studies and work. We recommend that you use the Internet and libraries to conduct the research you will require for your essay. Introductory information on each Laureate is available at <http://www.kyotoprize.org> in the June 20, 2008 press releases, "Inamori Foundation Announces 24th Annual Kyoto Prize Laureates for Lifetime Achievements."

2. Application Form

We recommend that you begin writing your essay as soon as possible. The San Diego Foundation's 2009-2010 Kyoto Scholarship Application form is available at <http://www.kyotoprize.org>. Once the application is available, please complete all sections and submit it with your essay to The San Diego Foundation by the deadline listed below.

3. Deadline

All 2009-2010 Kyoto Scholarship applications must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, December 12, 2008** and mailed to The San Diego Foundation, 2508 Historic Decatur Rd., Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92106. Applications that are faxed, incomplete or late will not be accepted.

Rules for Judging

The essays will be evaluated utilizing the "Formula for Success" developed by the Kyoto Prize founder, Dr. Kazuo Inamori, which states that the success we achieve in our lives or careers is a multiplicative product of three factors: Ability x Effort x Attitude. These will be the criteria for judging all essays.

Ability (0-10 points)

- Natural intelligence and aptitude
- Analytical and rational ability
- Communications and literary skill

Effort (0-10 points)

- Research and understanding of the Laureate's field
- Knowledge of the Laureate's works
- Understanding of the Kyoto Prize and its purpose

Attitude (-10 to +10 points)

- True appreciation of the Laureate's philosophy and achievements
- Grasp of the philosophy of the Kyoto Prize and the Inamori Foundation
- Evidence of your own passion for life; enthusiasm for your future career; and desire to contribute to society and humanity

Each candidate's total score will be a multiplication of these three factors. *Hint:* a person of average "ability" (for example, +5 points), but outstanding "effort" (example: +10 points) and an enthusiastic, highly optimistic attitude (+10 points) may achieve more than a born genius! In addition, while "ability" and "effort" are scored from 0 to +10 points, "attitude" may range from a negative to a positive score (-10 to +10 points), depending on the individual's motivation.

Good luck!