

RECIPIENT PROFILE

Name: Toru YANO

Date of Birth: April 17, 1936

Nationality: Japanese

At the basis of Dr. Toru YANO's learning, is his deep attachment for the people and climate of Southeast Asia. This stems from his two-year experience in carrying out field work in a village in the southern part of Thailand during his time at graduate school.

His field experience was later repeated and not only did he establish an epochmaking style in the Southeast Asian research but he also made glorious scientific achievements by clarifying the principle peculiar to the Asian society from the point of view of all mankind.

Based on a network of people with this same interest around the globe, he not only planned and managed various international conventions and symposiums but has also contributed greatly to scientific and cultural exchanges.

Highlights of his accomplishments in particular are his achievements in establishing an area study method in the field of social science, which have been very highly valued not only in Japan but throughout the world, and his nomination as a member of the Swedish Royal Scientific Academy in January this year.

In April this year, he became the Director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Kyoto University, which carries an important role in that field in Japan. At this Center, he is showing an excellent academic leadership aimed at establishing an unprecedented field in Asian studies.

MAJOR WORKS

Contemporary Political History of Thailand and Burma (1968)
Japan's "South-bound Expansion" and Southeast Asia (1975)
The History of "the South-bound Expansion" of Japan (1975)
Japan's Southeast Asian Policy (1978)
Historical Patterns of Japanese Views on Southeast Asia (1979)
The Logics of the World of Southeast Asia (1980)
Japan as a Theater State (1982) The Politics of North-South Problems (1982)
An Invitation to Southeast Asian Studies (2 vols. 1983)
The Structure of the World of Southeast Asia (1984)
Music in 20th Century (1985) The Cold War and Southeast Asia (1986)
Senses of the Statehood (1986) The Significance of Internationalization (1986)
The Civilization of Flow, The Civilization of Stock (1988)
The Nobel Prizes (1988) Japan's Future Shape and Internationalization (1989)
The Age of Mobocracy (1989)