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FUKUOKA PRIZE 2025



Grand Prize 2025

TAKARA Kurayoshi

Japan | Professor Emeritus, University of the Ryukyus (Born in 1947)

Takara Kurayoshi is a historian who has broken ground in Ryūkyū Islands studies on multiple fronts. He is also a creator and producer in the field of history who has made outstanding contributions, including restoring the main Seiden Hall of Shuri Castle. By combining in-depth analysis of sources, global perspectives on history, dedication to field research, and the ability to plan projects in multiple academic fields, Takara expands Ryūkyū history from an academic area to a practical discipline in the contemporary world.



Academic Prize 2025

BAIK Young-seo

Korea | Professor Emeritus of History, Yonsei University (Born in 1953)

Baik Young-seo is one of South Korea's leading scholars of contemporary Chinese history. He has played a leading role in Humanities and Social Sciences as a thinker who transcends borders and considers East Asia from the perspectives of "core locations" where citizens and people live. As an East Asian, Baik's ideological work provides essential guidelines for tackling complex issues in the contemporary world.



Arts and Culture Prize 2025

VO Trong Nghia

Vietnam | Founder & principal at VTN Architects, Visiting Professor, Taipei University and Visiting Professor, University of Pennsylvania (Born in 1976)

Vo Trong Nghia is a highly regarded architect who achieves numerous innovative ideas through his works. He integrates Southeast Asian traditions with modern design methods and construction techniques, considers the regional environment and vegetation in structural designs, and utilizes bamboo and wood as building materials. He convincingly advocates for environmentally and ecologically friendly architecture as he explores its role in addressing urban challenges facing Vietnam, which has been going through rapid growth.