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The 4th Kaneko Awards 2021 Call for Nominations

The America-Japan Society established “The AJS Kentaro Kaneko Awards” on the occasion of our centennial anniversary in 2017. The awards are named after Kentaro Kaneko, the first president of the AJS. The awards are presented to individuals who have significantly contributed to the promotion of US-Japan mutual understanding and friendship through their academic, artistic, or cultural activities at the grass-root level.

Although we had decided not to make the selection in FY2020 regardless of the impact of COVID-19, we will conduct the fourth year of Kaneko Awards in 2021. The award ceremony has been held in fall every year with the cooperation of the AJS members, the National Association of America-Japan Societies (NAAJS), and the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS). The recipients of the Awards will receive a plaque with a relief of Kentaro Kaneko as the main prize and a grant as a supplementary prize.

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

The Selection Committee members are as follows:

Mr. Kunihiro Saito, former Ambassador of Japan to the US (Chairperson)

Mr. Yuzaburo Mogi, Honorary Chairman of Kikkoman Inc.

Mr. Yoji Ohashi, Corporate Counsellor, All Nippon Airway Holdings Inc.

Mr. Christopher LaFleur, Vice President of AJS

Ms. Hiroko Kuniya, former NHK TV caster

Dr. Fumiaki Kubo, Professor of Tokyo University

Mr. Ichiro Fujisaki, President of AJS



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1. Eligible Candidates

Candidates must be an individual who has contributed to our bilateral relations at the grass root level in areas including cultural exchanges, exchange of students, homestays, or other volunteer activities and those who contributed in education and other non-profit activities to promote understanding between two countries. It is not intended to award people who have served or are serving in high leadership positions and have already been recognized. Self-nominations will not be considered.

2. Prize

One Japanese and one American will each receive a plaque and a grant as a supplementary award. (The provision of round-trip tickets, which has been awarded as a supplementary prize, will be cancelled due to the COVID-19.)

3. Nominators

Members of the AJS, local societies in Japan and US, Americans living in Japan, and other Japan-America related organizations that have been requested by the AJS are eligible to nominate. Applications that were submitted for the third round of the 2019 selection process will be included in the 4th year's selection process, so there is no need to submit another application.

4. Nomination Process

- 1) Number of nominations: one by each nominator.
- 2) Fill in the nomination form completely and provide as much details as possible. Please attach supporting documentation to your nomination form.
- 3) Please submit the completed nomination form via email, FAX, or mail. Please note that submitted materials will not be returned.
- 4) **Deadline: All nominations are due by March 31(Wed), 2021.**

5. Selection Process

After primary screening by selection committees will select the recipients. The results will be officially announced in Fall.

6. Submission & Contact Address

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