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Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (Tokyo:4183; President & CEO: Tsutomu Tannowa) announced today that it will begin accepting applications for the “2016 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award”.

The “Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award” was established in 2004 to support the sustainable development of chemistry and the chemical industry and has been presented 6 times to a total of 18 researchers in recognition of outstanding achievements in the field of catalysis science.

1. “Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award”

- (1) Research field: Polymerization catalysts, fine synthesis catalysts, and other catalysts contributing to environmental protection
- (2) Eligibility: Up to one researcher (aged 47 years or younger on April 1, 2015) belonging to institutions of higher learning or public research with the outstanding achievements
- (3) Prize: Commemorative plaque and cash prize of 5 million yen

2. “Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award of Encouragement”

- (1) Research field: Same as the “Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award”
- (2) Eligibility: Up to two researchers (aged 37 years or younger on April 1, 2015) with original achievements
- (3) Prize: Commemorative plaque and cash prize of 1 million yen

Applications for either the “2016 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award” or the “2016 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award of Encouragement” should be postmarked no later than December 28th 2015.

* Entry requirements are posted on MCI’s website <http://jp.mitsuichem.com/techno/index.htm>
Inquiries should be sent using the website form E-mail: MCI-AWARD@mitsuichemicals.com

Presentation of the award and recipient acceptance speeches and commemorative lectures will be made at a venue to be announced later.

* MCI will announce the award winners on its website and in newspapers and journals in June 2016.
 (tentative)

<Reference: Winners in 2014>

• "2014 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award"

Name	F. Dean Toste
Affiliation	Professor University of California Berkeley, U.S.A. Born in 1971
Theme	"Introduction of Concepts and Catalysts for Organic Synthesis, including those based on Homogeneous Gold Catalysis and Chiral Anion Catalysis"

• "2014 Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award of Encouragement"

Name	Shunsuke Chiba	Naoya Kumagai
Affiliation	Associate Professor Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Born in 1978	Chief Researcher Institute of Microbial Chemistry, Japan Born in 1978
Theme	"Development of Single-Electron-Transfer Redox Catalytic Systems for Synthesis of Azaheterocycles"	"Development of Cooperative Asymmetric Catalysts and their Application to the Streamlined Enantioselective Synthesis of Pharmaceuticals"

* Affiliations and titles are those at the time of the awards.

Mitsui Chemicals will continue to present the "Mitsui Chemicals Catalysis Science Award" to encourage catalyst research among young and mid-level researchers and as part of its effort to contribute to the welfare and a better quality of life for people around the world through the benefits of catalyst science.