

Photographic Society of Japan Awards

Since the Photographic Society of Japan was established in 1952, the society is annually presenting Photographic Society of Japan Awards on June 1st, the Annual Day of Photography, to people whose achievements in activities related to photographic culture in Japan was outstanding or who published exceptional photographic works or essays. Awards are presented in the following five categories;

- **International Award**
For individuals or groups, inside or outside Japan, who have made distinguished contributions to Japanese photography.
- **Distinguished Contributions Award**
For individuals or groups with long careers of distinguished contributions to Japanese photography.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award**
For individuals in Japan who have consistently produced outstanding photographic works over an extended period.
- **Scholastic Achievement Award**
For individuals or groups in Japan who have published outstanding works of photographic criticism or made other outstanding contributions to photographic scholarship.
- **Newcomer's Award**
For hopeful new photographers who have produced outstanding photographs (must, in principle, be under 40 years of age).

The awards categories increased and decreased during the long history of the Photographic Society of Japan Awards over 50 years and now they have been fixed for the above 5 since 2009.

Suitable candidates for these awards are proposed by full members of the Photographic Society of Japan and society-appointed nominators. Then recipients for each of the awards are selected from among these candidates by the Photographic Society of Japan Screening Committee.

The works of the recipients are exhibited in The Fujifilm Photo Salon (located in Roppongi, Tokyo) every year from the end of May to the beginning of June. The exhibition titled "Exhibition of Photographic Society of Japan Award-winning works" showing the most distinguished works of each year is attracting many visitors every year.

Recent Award Recipients

Year	Award	Recipients' Name
2000	International Award	Jean-Claude Lemagny
	Cultural Advancement Award	Kenro IZU and the Friends without a Border, The Japan Photo Culture Association
	Distinguished Contributions Award	Takao KAJIWARA, Kon SASAKI
	Annual Award	Iwanami Shoten, Ryoichi SAITO
	Newcomer's Award	Arata DODO, Toshiya MOMOSE
2001	International Award	Mark HOLBORN
	Distinguished Contributions Award	Iwao OGURA, Takashi KIJIMA, Koichi NAKAI
	Annual Award	Tsuneo ENARI, Teruo OKAI, Kishin SHINOYAMA
	Newcomer's Award	Masataka NAKANO, Masaki HIRANO
	Special Award	Shotaro AKIYAMA
2002	International Award	Fosco MARAINI
	Cultural Advancement Award	Michiko KASAHARA, Sapporo City Photo Library
	Distinguished Contributions Award	Hiroo TSUZUKI, Kazuo NISHII, Ieyoshi MIHORI
	Annual Award	Satoshi KURIBAYASHI, Hiroshi SUGIMOTO, Hiromi NAGAKURA
	Newcomer's Award	Yuki ONODERA, Rinko KAWAUCHI
	Special Award	Eikoh HOSOE
2003	International Award	Sebastião SALGADO
	Cultural Advancement Award	Etsuro ISHIHARA, Guardian Garden
	Distinguished Contributions Award	Kunika TODORIKI, Senzo YOSHIOKA
	Annual Award	Naoya HATAKEYAMA, Taishi HIROKAWA, Ryuichi HIROKAWA
	Newcomer's Award	Yasuaki KAGII, Haruto MAEDA, Hiroaki YOSHINO
	Special Award	Nikakai Association of Photographers
2004	International Award	Kim Seung-kon
	Cultural Advancement Award	Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Aichi Village-Nagano Prefecture and The Preservation Society for Photographs of Motoichi Kumagai
	Distinguished Contributions Award	Yoshikatsu SAEKI, Kenzo YAMAMOTO
	Annual Award	Hiroo KIKAI, Toshinobu TAKEUCHI
	Lifetime Achievement Award	Junichi OHTA, Daido MORIYAMA
	Scholastic Achievement Award	Eiko IMAHASHI
	Newcomer's Award	Gentaro ISHIZUKA, Kiyoshi YAGI
2005	International Award	Anne Wilkes Tucker
	Cultural Advancement Award	The Documentary Photo Festival Miyazaki

	Distinguished Contributions Award	Shomei TOMATSU, Ikko NARAHARA
	Annual Award	Mitsuhiko IMAMORI, Kenichi KOMATSU
	Lifetime Achievement Award	Akira KINOSHITA, Eiichiro SAKATA
	Newcomer's Award	Shoin KAJII, Kunihiko KATSUMATA, Ken MORISAWA
	Special Award	Tadaaki TANI
2006	International Award	The EU-Japan Fest Japan Committee
	Cultural Advancement Award	The Shoji Ueda Museum of Photography, The General Photography Festival "Photo City Sagamihara" Committee
	Distinguished Contributions Award	Shigeichi NAGANO, Masaaki NISHIMIYA
	Annual Award	Hideaki UCHIYAMA
	Lifetime Achievement Award	Miyako ISHIUCHI
	Scholastic Achievement Award	Teruo OKAI
	Newcomer's Award	Masako OGURI, Koji ONAKA, Kensuke KAZAMA
2007	International Award	Terry BENNETT
	Cultural Advancement Award	Iida City, The Kyoto Photography Club "How are you, PHOTOGRAPHY?" Committee
	Distinguished Contributions Award	Minoru OHNISHI, Goro KURAMOCHI, Yoho TSUDA
	Annual Award	Ikuo NAKAMURA
	Lifetime Achievement Award	Yoshimitsu NAGASAKA, Akito MIZUTANI
	Scholastic Achievement Award	Yuri MITSUDA
	Newcomer's Award	Ken KITANO, Kazutoshi YOSHIMURA
	Special Award	J. Wally HIGGINS
2008	International Award	Martin PARR
	Cultural Advancement Award	Sokyusha
	Distinguished Contributions Award	Kenichi HONDA
	Annual Award	Risaku SUZUKI, Ryuichiro SUZUKI, Masato SATO
	Lifetime Achievement Award	Shimpei ASAI, Bishin JUMONJI
	Scholastic Achievement Award	Masafumi FUKAGAWA
	Newcomer's Award	Naoki ISHIKAWA, Takayuki MAEKAWA, Toshihiro YASHIRO
	Special Award	Toshiro SHIMOYAMA
2009	International Award	Teizo UMEZU
	Distinguished Contributions Award	Ichiro UENO, Norihiko MATSUMOTO
	Lifetime Achievement Award	Toshio SHIBATA
	Scholastic Achievement Award	Kotaro IIZAWA
	Newcomer's Award	Yasuhiro OGAWA, Shintaro SATO
2010	Distinguished Contributions Award	Tsuguo TADA, Osam HIRAKI, Mayumi MORIYAMA
	Lifetime Achievement Award	Yukio OHYAMA, Keizo KITAJIMA, Yoshihiro TATSUKI
	Scholastic Achievement Award	Keisho ISHIGURO, Ryuichi KANEKO
	Newcomer's Award	Keiko SASAOKA, Aya Fujioka