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Ceremony held to present 62nd Leave a Nest grant TOYOBO POLYMER SCIENCE Award

Toyobo Co., Ltd. held a ceremony to present the 62nd Leave a Nest grant TOYOBO POLYMER SCIENCE Award on March 26, 2024, at its Research Center in Otsu, Shiga Prefecture.



Participants pose for a commemorative photo with the award recipients.
(front row, second and third person from left, Mr.Shiomoto, Mr.Ida)



Delivering a presentation to introduce award-winning research.

This award has launched as a scholarship program in 2021 aimed at supporting young researchers in the fields Toyobo focuses on, utilizing the framework of a research grant system operated by Leave a Nest Co., Ltd. The company is based in Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, and is headed by CEO Yukihiro Maru.

In recent years, there has been a trend towards requiring "applied development" as a target for competitive research funding. However, our company wants to shed light on fundamental research that pursues essential functions for the evolution of materials that may seem inconspicuous but can sometimes change the world. Therefore, for three consecutive years, we have set "basic and fundamental research on polymer materials" as the theme for the call for applications.

Representing Toyobo at the March 26 ceremony were Katsuya Ito, Executive Officer, Innovation Department, and Osamu Morimoto, General Manager of the Research Center. After enthusiastic presentations delivered by the recipients, active Q&A and opinion exchange sessions were conducted. Toyobo is committed to developing the field of polymer science and technology by supporting young researchers and maintaining and strengthening partnerships with universities and research institutions.

■ Comments from the representative from Toyobo (Katsuya Ito)

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the recipients of the TOYOBO POLYMER SCIENCE award. Thanks to the support of numerous researchers who have endorsed the purpose of this award, we are proud to offer it for the third consecutive year. We are grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the continued development of fundamental research in the field of polymer science.

■ Toyobo Polymer Science Award

Affiliation	Name	Research Title
Soft Materials Chemistry, Institute for Materials Chemistry and Engineering, Kyushu University	Shohei Shiomoto	Creation of "anti-thrombogenicity evaluation system" to accelerate development for medical materials
Department of Materials Chemistry, Faculty of Engineering, the University of Shiga Prefecture	Shohei Ida	Comprehensive Study on Unique Solution Properties of Amphiphilic Alternating Copolymers in Binary Solvent Systems

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