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**Seventh Takamine Memorial Sankyo Prize Announced**

**Tokyo, Japan (December 7, 2009)** - The Sankyo Foundation of Life Science Chairman Yasuhiro Ikegami announced today that the Seventh Takamine Memorial Sankyo Prize is to be awarded to Yuichi Sugiyama, Ph.D., Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, The University of Tokyo.

The Takamine Memorial Sankyo Prize was established in November 2003 as part of the Foundation's 20th anniversary and in memory of the research work of Dr. Jokichi Takamine, who was the first president (March 1913-July 1922) of then Sankyo Co., Ltd., now present DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED.

Since November 1983, the Sankyo Foundation of Life Science has provided support for innovative research in life sciences, including two-year research grants. The foundation also sponsors international symposia and supports exchange programs that see foreign academics visit Japan while Japanese researchers complete short work terms overseas.

**(Reference) Prize-winning Research Topic:****Analysis of the role of transporters in the drug dispositions: Application of quantitative prediction of pharmacokinetics to the new drug discovery and development**

After graduating from the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at The University of Tokyo in 1971, Dr Sugiyama worked as a Research Associate at the University before studying abroad at UCLA.

Dr. Sugiyama's research on pharmacokinetics has led to breakthroughs in understanding the role of drug transporters and pharmacodynamics of drugs at the molecular level. Dr. Sugiyama's research achievements have helped facilitate drug development efforts and his techniques have been widely adopted clinically as a method for predicting optimal drug therapies.

**Affiliated Organizations and Positions:**

Professor of Department of Molecular Pharmacokinetics, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, The University of Tokyo

**Profile:**

April 2008	Dean of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, The University of Tokyo
October 1991	Professor in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Pharmaceutical Chemistry), The University of Tokyo
October 1989	Assistant professor in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Pharmaceutical Chemistry), The University of Tokyo
September 1979	Studied abroad at University of California, Los Angeles
May 1976	Assistant in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Pharmaceutical Chemistry), The University of Tokyo
June 1971	Graduated from the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, The University of Tokyo,

**Major Awards Received:**

2004	Scientific Achievement Award from the Pharmaceutical Society of Japan
2003	Distinguished Pharmaceutical Scientist Award from the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists
2001	Scientific Achievement Award from the Japanese Society for the Study of Xenobiotics
1995	Scientific Achievement Award from the Academy of Pharmaceutical Science and Technology, Japan
1994	Pharmaceutical Scientist of the Year Award from the International Pharmaceutical Federation

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