San Diego’s Kyoto Prize Symposium Cancelled

Organizers respond to national guidelines for social distancing

SAN DIEGO — Mar. 17, 2020 — As reported in San Diego media and announced separately to lecture registrants, the non-profit Kyoto Symposium Organization has cancelled events relating to its 19th annual Kyoto Prize Symposium to avoid health risk relating to the COVID-19 coronavirus.

Symposium events had been scheduled to take place March 17-19, 2020. Instead, local lecture events featuring the 2019 laureates of the Kyoto Prize are officially cancelled, and the organization will award its 2020-2021 scholarships for San Diego/Tijuana-area students separately.

The organization is studying alternative plans for near-term rescheduling, including possible lectures with UC-San Diego host professors in May or June.

Dates for the 2021 Kyoto Prize Symposium have also been set with Point Loma Nazarene University and UC-San Diego, with lectures planned for March 24 and 25, 2021. The Kyoto Prize categories and fields will be:

- Advanced Technology Category — Information Science
- Basic Sciences Category — Life Sciences (Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, Neurobiology)
- Arts and Philosophy Category — Thought and Ethics

About the Inamori Foundation and the Kyoto Prize
The Kyoto Prize is an international award bestowed by the non-profit Inamori Foundation to honor those who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of humankind. Since 1985, the Kyoto Prize has honored 111 individuals and one group (the Nobel Foundation). More information can be found at https://www.kyotoprize.org/en/.

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