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## IEEE Vision, Innovation, and Challenges (VIC) Summit & Honors Ceremony

The 2025 IEEE Vision, Innovation, and Challenges (VIC) Summit & Honors Ceremony was held in Tokyo on April 23-24. The IEEE Tokyo Section contributed to the success of this event as the host country and sponsor.

The IEEE VIC Summit & Honors Ceremony is one of the most prestigious events in the IEEE, consisting of the Honors Ceremony, which recognizes recipients of the IEEE Medals, and the VIC Summit, a series of talks on science and technology featuring the awardees. This year (2025), Japan (Tokyo) was selected as the first host city outside the United States.

The event was attended by a total of 427 participants (212 from overseas and 215 from within Japan), including award recipients, IEEE executives, representatives from various IEEE regions, and award sponsors.

On the morning of April 23, the "IEEE Young Professionals and Laureate Forum" was held, targeting young members including students participating in the VIC Summit. This event invited medal recipients of the 2025 IEEE VIC Summit and prominent figures from IEEE and the industry, with the aim of helping young members (Young Professionals members and students) gain insights and networks to support their future career development. On the afternoon of April 23, various sessions were held featuring this year's award recipients, including an interview session with Henry Samuelli, the recipient of the 2025 IEEE Medal of Honor. Following this, a Welcome Reception was held, featuring sponsor greetings hosted by Dr. Nprohiro Suzuki, Vice Chair of the IEEE Tokyo Section. Representatives from Mitsubishi Electric, Hitachi, and NEC, representing their respective companies, delivered greetings to the participants and introduced their companies.

On April 24, Honor Ceremony, the award ceremony for the IEEE Medal, was held. Following greetings from Kathleen Kramer (2025 IEEE President & CEO) and Mary Ellen Randall (IEEE President-Elect), Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications Adachi, and JST President Hashimoto offered congratulatory remarks to the awardees. Following this, the IEEE Corporate Innovation Award (awarded to KIOXIA Corporation) was presented, followed by the awards for the 24 IEEE Medals.

The IEEE Tokyo Section served as a sponsor (Bronze Partner) for this event and contributed to its success through various activities, including an exhibition, and hosting the welcome reception greetings. The Japan Council and the Tokyo Section jointly exhibited at a single booth, with operations managed by the Tokyo Section Publications Committee. The exhibition showcased IEEE activities in Japan, including five plaques commemorating IEEE Milestones awarded in 2024, eight booklets created through the Japan Council Student Activities Committee Manga Project, recent issues of the Tokyo Bulletin, and various flyers. The event attracted a large number of visitors and provided an excellent opportunity to introduce IEEE activities in Japan.



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