



**On the announcement of this year's Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine  
for Dr. Shinya Yamanaka, Principal Investigator at the Institute for  
Integrated Cell-Material Sciences (WPI-iCeMS)**

Today, the Nobel Committee at Karolinska Institute announced that it has named Dr. Shinya Yamanaka, Principal Investigator at the Institute for Integrated Cell-Material Sciences (WPI-iCeMS) as one of the recipients of this year's Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. iCeMS is a research center at Kyoto University selected by the World Premier International Research Center Initiative (WPI) of the Japanese Government.

I extend my heartiest congratulations to Dr. Yamanaka and every person involved.

Dr. Shinya Yamanaka has been Principal Investigator at WPI-iCeMS since its foundation in 2007. His receipt of the prize shows an evidence that the research center inaugurated by the WPI program has been the research platform in which world's finest brains gather. We, at the WPI Program Committee, are very grateful to learn today's announcement.

We will continue to forward the WPI program in order to establish "World Premier International Research Centers" in both name and reality, sincerely hoping that splendid achievements for human kind to appear one after another from the centers, including the Nobel Prize.

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Hiroo Imura,

Chairperson of the WPI Program Committee

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