

## European Becquerel Prize for Outstanding Merits in Photovoltaics

To mark the 150th anniversary of Alexandre-Edmond Becquerel's discovery of the photovoltaic effect in 1839, the European Commission founded in 1989 the European Becquerel Prize for outstanding contributions to the development of Photovoltaic Solar Energy. It is awarded for the eleventh time in 2004 on the occasion of the 19th European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference in Paris. The Prize winner was elected by prominent members of the World Photovoltaic Community and confirmed by the Becquerel Prize Board.

### **Prof. Dr. Masafumi Yamaguchi**

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is the 2004 Becquerel Prize winner. Prof. Dr. Masafumi Yamaguchi receives this year's Becquerel Prize for his outstanding contributions to the development of multi-junction, high-efficiency solar cells. Prof. Dr. Yamaguchi is one of the World leaders of the development of Photovoltaics. He is one of the driving forces for international co-operation, as illustrated in the PV World Conferences. He has also given an example by opening his Laboratory in Japan to researchers from over-seas and namely from Europe.

With this Prize, the Commission expresses its recognition for Prof. Dr. Yamaguchi's contributions to the international co-operation for the Development of Science and Technology of Photovoltaic Solar Energy.



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