

**WORLD CULTURAL COUNCIL
AWARD CEREMONY 2019**
University of Tsukuba

Winners' Book

**Professor Gary Marquis, Dean School of Engineering, Aalto University
and Member of the World Cultural Council**

Honorable University of Tsukuba President, Nagata Kyosuke; Distinguished President of the World Cultural Council, Sir Colin Blakemore; members of the World Cultural Council, your Excellencies; 2019 Laureates; dear Students, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Today we celebrate the 36th annual award ceremony of the World Cultural Council. I am honoured to address you, on behalf of its members to present the Winners' book. This book preserves a written record and legacy that will be passed on to future generations.

For 36 years, the World Cultural Council has sought to recognize figures who have both risen to the top of their disciplines and who have shared their time, skills, capacities and vision to promote tolerance, peace and understanding for the well-being of humanity and the environment.

The book comprises a compendium of eminent individuals representing science, art and education. Today, we have the honour to welcome among us one such individual, Professor Sir Fraser Stoddart, who added his name to the book in 2007 as winner of the Albert Einstein World Award of Science. He was subsequently awarded the 2016 Nobel Prize for Chemistry and tirelessly travels the globe to engage and inspire new generations of scientists and young people. Thank you Professor Stoddart for being with us here

today and continuing to be an ambassador for science and learning and building bridges between nations.

I would now like to ask the winner of the 2019 Albert Einstein World Award of Science, **Professor Zhong Lin Wang**, Regents Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology, to come to the stage to sign the Winners' Book in the company of our witnesses of honour: President Nagata Kyosuke and President Sir Colin Blakemore.

And now it is my pleasure to ask the winner of the 2019 Leonardo da Vinci World Award of Arts, **Film Producer Paulo Branco**, to sign the Winners' Book before our witnesses of honour.

Dear friends and colleagues, I still have one more pleasant duty. In the framework of this Ceremony, the World Cultural Council has decided to grant the Medal of Educational Merit to President, Nagata Kyosuke. He has demonstrated exceptional commitment to positive values and global sustainability both in the University of Tsukuba and beyond. As an example, he has Chaired the Tsukuba Conference Organizing Council which has proven to be an innovative forum for future shapers - talented young leaders from industry, government and academia worldwide.

President Nagata, I would kindly ask you to come to the centre of the stage to receive this recognition from our President, Sir Colin Blakemore.