

CSJ Member Nobel Laureates



- 2025** The Nobel Prize in Chemistry
Susumu Kitagawa
Prize motivation: "for the development of metal-organic frameworks"
- 2019** The Nobel Prize in Chemistry
Akira Yoshino
Prize motivation: "for the development of lithium-ion batteries"
- 2015** The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine
Satoshi Ōmura
Prize motivation: "for their discoveries concerning a novel therapy against infections caused by roundworm parasites"
- 2014** The Nobel Prize in Physics
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- 2008** The Nobel Prize in Chemistry
Osamu Shimomura
Prize motivation: "for the discovery and development of the green fluorescent protein, GFP"
- 2002** The Nobel Prize in Chemistry
Koichi Tanaka
Prize motivation: "for their development of soft desorption ionisation methods for mass spectrometric analyses of biological macromolecules"
- 2001** The Nobel Prize in Chemistry
Ryoji Noyori (President of the CSJ from 2002-2003)
Prize motivation: "for their work on chirally catalysed hydrogenation reactions"
- 2002** The Nobel Prize in Chemistry
Hideki Shirakawa
Prize motivation: "for the discovery and development of conductive polymers"
- 1981** The Nobel Prize in Chemistry
Kenichi Fukui (President of the CSJ from 1983-1984)
Prize motivation: "for their theories, developed independently, concerning the course of chemical reactions"

Chemical Society Overview

Chair: Kohei Morikawa (Resonac)

Membership: About 23,000 members, making it the largest natural science society in Japan, and 395 corporate members.

Web page can be found here ►



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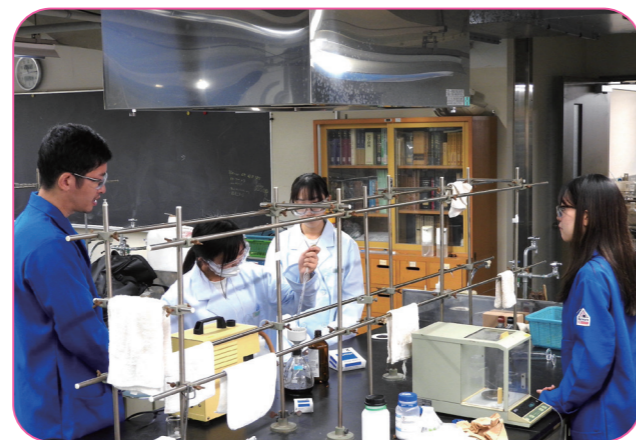
Mission

Our goal is to contribute to the development of society through the advancement of research and learning, development of technology, promotion of industry, spread of knowledge, and education of those supporting these endeavors.

History

- 1878 The Chemical Society founded, renamed the Tokyo Chemical Society the following year.
The Society of Chemical Industry of Japan established.
- 1921 The Tokyo Chemical Society renamed the Chemical Society of Japan
- 1948 Integration with the Chemical Society of Japan and the Society of Chemical Industry of Japan, the Chemical Society of Japan (CSJ) launched.
- 1978 The 100th anniversary celebrated.
- 1991 The current office building completed.
- 2011 Public Interest Incorporated Association authorised.

The Chemical Society of Japan will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2028.



CSJ Annual Meeting/ CSJ Chemistry Festa

The Chemical Society of Japan holds two big annual events. These are among the largest chemical society events, bringing together researchers from various fields domestically and internationally, sharing the common theme of chemistry.

- The 105th CSJ Annual Meeting
Participants: 6,294
Presentations: 3,958
Place: Kansai University (Osaka)
- The 15th CSJ Chemistry Festa
Participants: 2,690
Presentations: 1,031
Place: Tower Hall Funabori (Tokyo)

Lectures, Seminars, and Laboratory Classes

We hold events across the country providing information useful for researchers and educators and children.

- In 2025
- Number of Events: about 300
- Participants: about 18,000

Publishing

We strive to publish institutional journals, journals in English and books by enriching our publications to reflect changes in society and deliver the latest in research and chemistry to everyday life.

- Chemistry and Chemical Industry (Latest information for CSJ members)
- Chemistry and Education (Information useful in education fields)
- Various other published material

English journals

Bulletin of the Chemical Society of Japan (BCSJ) and Chemistry Letters (CL) are published in English. Since 2024 we have been publishing under a collaboration agreement with Oxford University Press.

- BCSJ (Impact factor 3.8 in 2025)
Established in 1926, BCSJ is an international research journal covering pure and applied general chemistry.
- CL (Impact factor 1.1 in 2025)
Established in 1972, CL provides rapid communication of the latest chemical research to the global community.



Career Support

We are taking measures to connect students, academics, and industry. We are providing a place where students can consider and consult about academic and career advancement.

- Industry tours (students/industry)
- Work exchange meetings (students/industry)
- Career roundtables (students/academic/industry)
- Research lectures (students/industry)

Children and the General Public

We hold laboratory classes, tours, and chemistry competitions for children, and are committed to chemistry education from an early age. We also hold lectures and seminars for the general public who are also unfamiliar with chemistry.

- Laboratory classes
- Chemistry Lovers' club
- Junior High and High School Student Membership
- Chemistry Gran Prix, International Chemistry Olympiad
- Badge Design Contest

Globalisation

With chemical societies around the globe, we disseminate information. We also provide strong support for the development of human resources who demonstrate international leadership in the world of chemistry and for the promotion of research.

- IUPAC and FACS international cooperation
- Nakanishi Prize (in collaboration with ACS)
- PCCP Prize (in collaboration with RSC)
- CS3 and other international conferences
- Holding Pacificchem 2025
- Bilateral agreements

Various Awards and Grants

Awards are presented through a rigorous selection process conducted by a selection committee considering various grant programs to support researchers, the state of research in chemistry, technological developments, educational achievements, and other factors.

- The Chemical Society of Japan Award and other awards
- Saburo Nagakura Award
- The Akira Yoshino Research Grant