

Dr. Naoyuki Taniguchi, chair of the [Glycomics in Disease Scientific Initiative](#) was recently honoured by the Japanese Government for his contribution to the field of science. On November 16, 2005, Dr. Taniguchi was one of six scientists to receive the **Medal with Purple Ribbon** from the Emperor of Japan. This medal is awarded twice a year (March and November) to individuals who have contributed to academic and artistic developments, improvements and accomplishments. In addition, Dr. Taniguchi was also the recipient of an endowed professorship, sponsored by the Seikagaku Kogyo; this endowment will fund his work in Glycomics for the next three to five years.