The 8th KONA Award sponsored by Hosokawa Powder Technology Foundation and given to the scientists or groups who have achieved excellence in the researches related to the basic powder technology, was presented to Professor Hiroaki Masuda of Kyoto University and to Professor Mamoru Senna of Keio University by Masuo Hosokawa, President of the Foundation on January 22, 1999 at the R&D Center of Hosokawa Micron Corporation in Hirakata.

Prof. Masuda's research achievements are related to studies on static electrification of particles, aerosol classification performance and particle reentrainment.

Prof. Senna's research achievements are related to studies on agglomeration and new fabrication technique via a soft mechanochemical route.

In these studies both professors obtained epoch-making results.