Foreword	

Welcome to the Special Section on ITE Awards Selection

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The Institute of Image Information and Television Engineers (ITE) acts to promote research and development in the field of image information and television, and to contribute to their progress in Japan and around the world. Annually, the ITE commends persons who have made great achievements in the technology of image information and television. The awards include the Niwa & Takayanagi Award (Distinguished Services Award, Achievement Award, and Excellent Paper Award), Technical Progress Award (Progress & Development Award and Contents Technical Award), Fujio Frontier Award, Hi-Vision & Next-generation TV Technical Award, Suzuki Memorial Achievement Award, and Best Research Presentation Award.

The ITE considers it valuable to introduce awarded technologies to the community that is actively involved in the research and development of media technology and applications, and invite future manuscript submissions from winners of the Technical Progress Award, Fujio Frontier Awards, and Hi-Vision and Next-generation TV Technical Award, which deal with leading-edge technology.

A total of 12 papers were submitted to the Transactions on the Media Technology and Applications (MTA) and the ITE Journal (<https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/browse/itej/-char/ja/>), which is for Japanese papers. There was only one paper written in English, and the others were written in Japanese. Thus, MTA reviewed the one English paper and accepted it. That paper was submitted by Dr. Ishinabe, who was subsequently awarded the Fujio Frontier Award. This award is presented to individuals or groups who have performed greatly significant research and development related to the image information and television fields that the ITE covers. Dr. Ishinabe's paper describes the high precision measurement of liquid crystal materials.

I hope that readers will be interested in the technology, and the paper will promote further advancement of research and development in media technology and applications.