



**Honda Foundation announces  
9<sup>th</sup> Honda Young Engineer and Scientists Award in India**

- ***Provides scholarships to 14 aspiring Engineers and Scientists***
- ***Opportunity for higher professional education in Japan***

**New Delhi, February 11, 2016:** Honda Motor India Pvt. Limited (HMI) today announced the 9<sup>th</sup> ***Young Engineers and Scientists' (Y-E-S) awards*** for 2015 in India. The Young Engineers and Scientists' Award were presented to fourteen students from India's premier institutes for science & technology - Indian Institute of Technology. The Y-E-S awards were instituted by Honda Foundation in India in 2008 to encourage and support young Indian engineers and scientists.

The Chief Guest **His Excellency Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Japan**, presented the awards to the students in recognition of their outstanding all round performance in academics. Also present at the occasion were **Mr. Akira Kojima, Director, Honda Foundation** and **Mr. Keita Muramatsu, Director, Honda Motor India Pvt Ltd.**

The Y-E-S Award initiative of Honda Foundation in India has been facilitated by Honda Motor India Pvt. Ltd., to foster young students who have excelled in the area of science and technology and continue to aspire for higher academic achievement in the area of Eco-Technology. The Y-E-S Award program is designed to provide financial assistance to young Indian engineers and researchers. This platform also provides an opportunity to acquire higher professional education in Japan and further help in strengthening Japanese relations with India.

A scholarship of cash equivalent of US \$3000 each, was presented to fourteen students selected from eight IITs - Delhi, Bombay, Roorkee, Madras, Kharagpur, Kanpur, Guwahati and BHU on the basis of their Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA), technical papers, essays and finally in the one-on-one interviews with **Mr. Shirish Garud, Director, The Energy and Resources Institute**, who was the chief assessor of the selection committee.

Talking about Y-E-S Awards, **Mr. Keita Muramatsu, Director, Honda Motor India Pvt Ltd** said, "It has been our endeavor to promote and encourage young students to involve in higher research in the field of technology. We want to provide them the opportunity with Y-E-S awards so that they can fulfill their dreams. He added, "All the editions of Y-E-S awards have received tremendous response and enthusiasm from the IIT students who put in their best efforts to showcase their work. So far we have awarded 112 such students in 9 years".



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The awardees for Y-E-S awards 2015 in India are:

Archit Agarwal- IIT BHU, Soumyadeep Paul - IIT BHU, Palak Jain - IIT Bombay, Rushikesh A Handal - IIT Delhi, Saanwra Khod - IIT Guwahati, Varnika Menghnani - IIT Guwahati , Hardik Parwana - IIT Kanpur, Saksham Agarwal - IIT Kanpur, Arna Ghosh - IIT Kharagpur, R. Sai. Akshaya - IIT Madras, B. Ramasubramanian - IIT Madras, Raghul Manosh Kumar - IIT Madras, Sidak Pal Singh - IIT Roorkee, Sopan Khosla - IIT Roorkee.

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#### **About Honda Foundation**

Honda Foundation was established in 1977 with the objective of providing opportunity to scholars, researchers and specialists from all walks of life, irrespective of nationality, to meet together and freely discuss the present state and the future of our civilization. The Honda Foundation is engaged in a variety of innovative activities worldwide, utilizing science and technology for the welfare of mankind and making way for pioneering research and innovation. The major activities include activities like organizing **International Symposia & Seminars** worldwide for exchange of knowledge and experience in eco-technology, **Honda Prize**, which is awarded annually to an individual or group in recognition of the recipient's remarkable achievement in the field of ecotechnology. The **Y-E-S Award** which started in India in 2008 and 98 students in India have been awarded since its inception.

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