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# Notice of Award: Fiscal 2025 Industrial Standardization Project Awards (Innovation & Environment Bureau Director's Award)

TOYOKOH Inc. (Headquarters: Fuji City, Shizuoka Prefecture; CEO: Kazuaki Toyosawa; hereinafter "the Company"), a developer of infrastructure-maintenance technologies for aging bridges and other structures, is pleased to announce that it has received the Innovation & Environment Bureau Director's Award under the Fiscal 2025 *Industrial Standardization Project Awards* organized by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). This award recognizes individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the promotion of industrial standardization activities.

## **About the Industrial Standardization Project Awards**

For new technologies, products, and services to be widely adopted and lead to solutions for social issues and corporate growth, it is essential to establish appropriate rules, and the standardization activities necessary for that purpose play a crucial role.

In particular, forward-looking standardization and rule-making efforts that connect technologies and services with markets are important initiatives for creating new value.

The *Industrial Standardization Project Awards* honours individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the formulation, dissemination, and promotion of Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS), or to market creation and social problem-solving through the use of standardization. The awards are presented each October.

## **Achievements Leading to This Award**

In December 2015, our project titled "Standardization of Steel Structure Surface Treatment by Laser Irradiation" was selected under the *New Market Creation-Type Standardization Scheme*, a program established by METI to promote strategic standardization that contributes to new market creation and the strengthening of industrial competitiveness.

After approximately four years of development, in October 2019 we achieved the formulation of the JIS standard "Method for Measuring Degree of Removal (Rust) of Laser-Irradiated Treated Surfaces (JIS Z 2358)," which defines a method for evaluating the surface quality after rust removal by laser irradiation on steel materials.



The establishment of this standard has enabled the use of our CoolLaser® process, which provides surface preparation quality equivalent to conventional shot-blasting methods while eliminating secondary industrial waste (such as shot media) and helping to reduce workers' physical burdens by addressing issues such as pneumoconiosis.

It also made it possible to differentiate the quality of our laser cleaning technology from other methods, further advancing the adoption of CoolLaser® for industrial applications.

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Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) – Announcement of Recipients of the Fiscal 2025 *Industrial Standardization Project Awards* (October 20, 2025) <a href="https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2025/10/20251020002/20251020002.html">https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2025/10/20251020002/20251020002.html</a>

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