

Announcement:

**The XXVIth International Biometric Conference (IBC2012) won
JNTO International Congress Bid and Host Contribution Award 2013 `International
Congress Host Division`**

Toshiro Tango, IBC2012 LOC Chair

It has been over one year and three months already since IBC2012 successfully was held in Kobe, Japan, August 26-31, 2012. Recently, IBC2012 won JNTO International Congress Bid and Host Contribution Award 2013 `International Congress Host Division`.

This award is designated to be given to International Congresses that are held in Japan every year for their outstanding contribution to society by an advisory panel to JNTO, Japan National Tourism Organization. IBC2012 has been nominated by Kobe Convention & Visitors Association. This year, seven of the best international congresses have been awarded.

On December 10th, 2013, on behalf of the local organizing committee of IBC2012, I attended the award ceremony held during the 23rd International Meetings Expo IME2012 in Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo, Japan, and received a crystal-clear plaque.

For more details in Japanese, see the website below. Unfortunately, no English version is available.

<http://expo.nikkeibp.co.jp/ime/2013/award/index.html>

**Photo 1. President of JNTO and delegates
from seven Congresses**

Photo 3. Crystal-clear plaque for IBC2012

**Photo 2. President of JNTO and
Toshiro Tango**

