

IEEE History Committee  
c/o IEEE History Center  
Rutgers University  
39 Union Street  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8538, U.S.A.

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Tokyo, Japan

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: IEEE Milestone plaque

Firstly, I would like to thank the IEEE History Committee for its consideration of the First Practical Field Emission Electron Microscope being submitted by the IEEE Japan Council as an IEEE Milestone.

The Central Research Laboratory of Hitachi, Ltd. has been involved in Hitachi's research and development in electron microscopy since the early stages, dating back to the 1940's. We are very proud of the innovative R&D conducted in collaboration with Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation in field emission electron source technology and its application in electron microscopy, and strongly support this nomination.

We have been requested to indicate our consent to having a plaque commemorating the Milestone placed within the grounds of the Central Research Laboratory in Kokubunji-shi, Tokyo, should the recognition be bestowed. As General Manager of this Laboratory, I would consider it a great honor and quite happily give my permission to do so. The Laboratory, although the private property of Hitachi, Ltd., hosts close to ten thousand visitors throughout the year. The grounds of the Laboratory are also opened to the public twice a year during the Spring and Autumn season when the gardens are the most beautiful. The plaque will be placed in a visible location accessible to the public.

Sincerely,



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General Manager

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