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JAPAN PRIZE

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The following four people have been selected as laureates of the 27th Japan Prize.

Fields: Information and Communications
Achievement: Development of
UNIX operating system



Dr. Dennis M. Ritchie
Distinguished Member of
Technical Staff Emeritus
Bell Labs



Dr. Ken L. Thompson
Distinguished Engineer
Google Inc.

Fields: Bioscience and Medical Science
Achievement: Discovery of interleukin-6
and its application in treating diseases



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