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Addendum 8: Table of Japan Prize Awards Citing the Laser, 1987–2014

Year	Cited achievement	Laureate
1987	Realization of the first laser	Theodore H. Maiman
1995	Contributions to research and practical applications of light emitting diodes and lasers	Nick Holonyak, Jr.
1996	Research on wideband low-loss optical fiber communications	Charles K. Kao (also Nobel Prize in 2009)
2014	Semiconductor lasers for high-capacity long-distance optical fiber communication	Yasuharu Suematsu

Note Bob Kahn and Vint Cerf, creators of the TCP/IP protocols fundamental to the operation of the Internet, were also awarded the Japan Prize in 2008. It is notable that creators of all of the requisites of the modern Internet—lasers, fiber optics, and protocols—have been awarded Japan Prizes