- Awarding Organization: Japan Institute of Invention and Innovation (JIII)
- Recipients:

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- **Citation**: Commendation for the invention of the world's first high-sensitivity InSb thin-film Hall element of the HW series using wire bonding technology
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Article Summary

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Mr. Shibasaki received the Invention Encouragement Award for the mass production of highsensitivity Hall elements.



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High-Sensitivity Thin-Film Hall Element

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Summary of the Invention

Conventional high-sensitivity InSb Hall elements used a mechanically and thermally fragile InSb thin film formed by vacuum deposition, which was adhered to a ferrite substrate to serve as the magnetic sensor component. To enhance sensitivity, the InSb foil was sandwiched between the ferrite substrate and a small ferrite chip, forming a magnetic amplification structure. Due to the presence of an organic adhesive layer, low-temperature solder was used to connect the element to the leads. However, this approach had several issues: poor mass

producibility, low heat resistance, high cost, and lack of reliability.

This invention, however, uses the InSb thin film formed by vacuum deposition as the magnetic sensor component and successfully forms a compact and robust **three-layer electrode** (Hall element electrode) using a **low-temperature wet plating method**. The connection between this electrode and the lead wire is achieved using **gold wire bonding**.

As a result, this invention is the first to realize the **three essential qualities of electronic components** in a Hall element:

- 1. High sensitivity
- 2. Low cost and mass producibility
- 3. **High mounting reliability** (with heat resistance sufficient to withstand automated mounting processes in mass production lines)