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Professor Sawamura's research has been recognized with a number of awards including The Chemical Society of Japan Award for Young Scientists (1996), The Chemical Society of Japan Award for Creative Work (2012), Hokkaido University President Award for Outstanding Research (2014), SSOCJ (The Society of Synthetic Organic Chemistry, Japan) Nissan Chemical Industries Award for Novel Reaction & Method (2014), and Nagoya Medal (Silver Medal, 2017). The research interest includes organic synthesis, organometallic chemistry, heteroatom chemistry, asymmetric catalysis, polymer chemistry, surface chemistry, supramolecular chemistry, and organometallic materials chemistry. He has over 10,000 citations and an h-index of 59.