

# Japan Nobel laureate gets washing machine as gift

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Japan's Shinya Yamanaka may have won \$1.2 million along with British researcher John Gurdon when the two were awarded the Nobel Prize for medicine earlier this month, but now he is also getting a new washing machine.

Yamanaka joked that he was fixing his washing machine when Oslo called to say he had won the prize for his achievement in the induced [pluripotent stem cell](#) research, and since has not had time to finish the repairs.

On Friday, Japan's science minister, Makiko Tanaka, said she has presented Yamanaka a gift certificate signed by 16 of her colleagues, with each chipping in 10,000 yen (\$126), so his family can choose a new washing machine.

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