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**2004-05 PRESIDENT'S LECTURE SERIES KICKS OFF SEPT. 29**

**MISSOULA-**

The University of Montana President's Lecture Series begins Wednesday, Sept. 29, with a lecture on bio-nano science. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Toyo University Professor Toru Maekawa will deliver a lecture titled "Bio-Nano Science and Technology" at 8 p.m. in the University Theatre. Maekawa will explain the revolutionary technological implications of bio-nano science, a field in which he has established an international reputation as a researcher.

He will also present an afternoon seminar in conjunction with the University of Montana-Toyo University Symposium on Bio-Nano Technology and Sciences. The seminar, titled "Self-Organization in Nano/Micro Systems," will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, in the University Center Theater.

Maekawa directs the Bio-Nano Electronics Research Center at Toyo University in Kawagoe, Japan. The center was selected as a Center of Excellence in the field of Interdisciplinary New Science by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in 2003. He earned his doctoral degree from the University of Tokyo and has served on the faculty at that university, as well as the University of London.

The bio-nano science symposium is scheduled for Sept. 29-30 at UM and includes lectures by leading researchers from UM and Toyo University. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.umt.edu/oip/conferences/symposium.htm> or call 243-4626.

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