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PRESS RELEASE

Industry award for Japanese knotweed student

A Japanese knotweed specialist based in Bedfordshire has been recognised by a national trade body.

Paul Ceconi, an area technician at Japanese Knotweed Ltd, was awarded Student of the Year by the Property Care Association (PCA).

Every autumn the PCA presents 'Student of the Year' awards to individuals who undertake training with the Association, based on their results.

Paul joined Japanese Knotweed Ltd in August 2017 and has more than 10 years' experience managing non-native invasive species as part of habitat management projects and covers northern parts of London and areas of the Midlands.

He was recognised at the industry awards after becoming a PCA Qualified Technician in Invasive Weeds.

Carol Caldwell at Japanese Knotweed Ltd said: "This is fantastic news and something I feel Paul thoroughly deserves as he has repeatedly shown his knowledge in this area, and this makes him a valuable member of our team.

"I communicate with Paul most days, as he often goes over and above what is required of him and takes time to communicate back on sites where his feedback and problem-solving skills, are sometimes required.

"He has grown in confidence, is great team player, respected by his peers and very knowledgeable."

Steve Hodgson, Chief Executive of the PCA, said: "This year has been challenging for people both professionally and personally, which is why it is important that we recognise the talent and skills within our industry.

"I'd like to personally congratulate Paul at Japanese Knotweed Ltd for the hard work and dedication that is recognised with this award."

To find out more about the PCA, visit: www.property-care.org

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Noted for its training and technical expertise, the PCA incorporates the British Wood Preserving and Damp-proofing Association (BWPDA) and has been in been in formation for more than 85 years.

The trade body represents the UK's structural repair sector, as well as the structural waterproofing, wood preservation, damp-proofing, flood remediation and invasive weed control industries.

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