

Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2017

(by the Kanto-Shinetsu Regional Taxation Bureau of the National Tax Agency of Japan)

Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards are the traditional sake awards held by the Kanto-Shinetsu Regional Taxation Bureau of the National Tax Agency of Japan, which has jurisdiction for the Kanto-Shinetsu region's six prefectures (Ibaraki, Tochigi, Gunma, Saitama, Niigata and Nagano). The awards were first held in 1965 and the most recent awards held in 2017 marked the 88th.

The objective of holding these awards is, through evaluating the quality of sake, to promote the advancement and development of sake brewing technology, to improve the quality of sake brewed in Kanto-Shinetsu region's six prefectures, and to contribute to the sound development of the sake industry.



Six prefectures in the Kanto-Shinetsu region of Japan

The most recent awards (Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2017) consisted of three categories. The first category was for *Ginjo-shu* sake, a type of sake that has a fruity flavor and has been described as *a work of art* among sake. The second category was for *Junmai-shu* sake that is made solely from high quality rice and has a fragrant and complex flavor. The last category was for *Junmai Ginjo-shu* sake, a beautiful combination of rich and fruity flavor of *Ginjo-shu* sake with fragrant and tasteful flavor of *Junmai-shu* sake.

The six prefectures of the Kanto-Shinetsu region are blessed with outstanding natural beauty and best climate conditions for brewing sake. For the Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2017, 175 products were exhibited in the *Ginjo-shu* category, 190 in the *Junmai Ginjo-shu* sake category and 76 in the *Junmai-shu* category from many traditional sake breweries (*Meijo-kura*) in Kanto-Shinetsu region.

The judging panel, who used all their senses to evaluate the quality of the exhibits, carried out the first and second round of judging on October 3rd - 4th and 11th, 2017. Following a strict but fair judging process, Toshiya Tone, the Regional Commissioner of the Kanto-Shinetsu Regional Taxation Bureau, awarded the Grand Prize to a manufacturer who achieved the highest score in each of the three categories (the *Ginjo-shu* category, the *Junmai Ginjo-shu* category and the *Junmai-shu* category), and also gave Special Prizes to two other manufacturers that achieved the highest scores in each of the three categories following the Grand Prizes. Furthermore, the Commissioner Tone also gave Excellence Prizes to 50 manufacturers in the *Ginjo-shu* category, 54 manufacturers in the *Junmai Ginjo-shu* category and 20 manufacturers in the *Junmai-shu* category that achieved excellent scores.

Judging method

The judges, who are experts in evaluating the quality of sake and came from the six prefectures in the Kanto-Shinetsu region, are researchers from public organizations for sake brewing technology, brewmasters and technical officers from the Kanto-Shinetsu Regional Taxation Bureau. The judges used all their senses to perform strict but fair evaluations of the quality of sake.

Results of the Judging

Ginjo-shu category list

Junmai Ginjo-shu category list

Junmai-shu category list

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Kanto-Shinetsu sake brewery map (Japanese)

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List of Prize winning sake manufacturers of Ginjo-shu category in Kanto-Shinetsu Sake Awards 2017

The Grand Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Tochigi	TONOIKE SHUZOUTEN	SANRAN	Ono Makoto

The Special Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Niigata	KIRINZAN SHUZO CORPORATION	KIRINZAN	Hasegawa Yoshiaki
Niigata	TAIYOU SHUZOU CO., LTD.	TAIYOUZAKARI	Tazawa Masaru

The Excellence Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Ibaraki	YOSHIKUBO SHUZOU CO., LTD.	IPPIN	Suzuki Tadayuki
Ibaraki	MORISHIMA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	TAIKAN	Morishima Shouichirou
Ibaraki	HIROSE COMPANY	SHIRAGIKU	Komatsu Noritsugu
Ibaraki	HUCHUHOMEARE CO., LTD.	WATARIBUNE	Nakajima Isao
Ibaraki	BUYU CORPORATION	BUYU	Hosaka Daijiro
Ibaraki	OKABEGOUMEIGAISHA	MATSUZAKARI	Fujisaka Shinichi
Ibaraki	NEMOTO SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KUJINOYAMA	Kikuchi Michiro
Ibaraki	AIYU SHUZO CO., LTD.	AIYU	Tada Ichiro
Tochigi	DAIICHI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KAICA	Ninomiya Shunichi
Tochigi	SOHOMARE SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	SOHOMARE	Akita Toru
Tochigi	TSUJIZENBEISHOTEN CO., LTD.	SAKURAGAWA	Tsuji Hiroyuki
Tochigi	TENTAKA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	TENTAKA	Sugumachi Kouetsu
Tochigi	WATANABE SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KYOKUKOU	Watanabe Hidenori
Gunma	MACHIDASHUZOUTEN CO., LTD.	SEIRYO	Machida Emi
Gunma	SHIBASAKISYUZOU CO., LTD.	FUNAOTAKI	Fukushima Takashi
Gunma	SEITOKU MEIJO CO., LTD.	HOOSEITOKU	Takizawa Mikio
Gunma	ASAMA BREWERY CO., LTD. HONSYAKOUJOU	KUSATSUBUSHI	Sakurai Takeshi
Gunma	ASAMA BREWERY CO., LTD. DAINIKOUJOU	HIGEN	Fujiwara Satoshi

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Saitama	KAMAYA CO., LTD.	RIKISHI	Matsunuma Hiroaki
Saitama	YOKOTA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	NIHONBASHI	Tsunashima Mutsuhiko
Saitama	MATSUOKA BREWING CO., LTD.	MIKADOMATSU	Matsuoka Norio
Saitama	KANBAI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KANBAI	Suzuki Takahiro
Saitama	KITANISHI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	BUNRAKU	Murakami Daisuke
Niigata	ISHIMOTO SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	KOSHI NO KANBAI	Takeuchi Shinichi
Niigata	ECHIGO SHUZOJO CORPORATION	KOSHI NO HAPPO	Nishijima Toru
Niigata	HIKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	TSURUNOTOMO	Higuchi Muneyoshi
Niigata	ASAHI-SHUZO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD. ASAHIGURA	KUBOTA	Yamaga Motoyoshi
Niigata	ICHISHIMA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	OMON	Tanaka Takeshi
Niigata	ECHIGOZAKURA SHUZOU CORPORATION	ECHIGOZAKURA	Otake Go
Niigata	HAKURYU SYUZOU SAKE-BREWING CO., LTD.	HAKURYU	Shirai Shinji
Niigata	AOKISHUZOU CO., LTD.	KAKUREI	Imai Takahiro
Niigata	MATSUNOI SHUZOU CORPORATION	MATSUNOI	Furusawa Yutaka
Niigata	MIYAO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD.	SHIMEHARITSURU	Yoshida Osamu
Niigata	AYUMASAMUNE SHUZOU CO., LTD.	AYUMASAMUNE	Ageishi Syuji
Niigata	KIMINOI SHUZO CO., LTD.	KIMINOI	Hayatsu Hiroshi
Niigata	MARUYAMA SHUZOUJYOU CO., LTD.	SETCHUUBAI	Murayama Toshirou
Niigata	MYOKOU SHUZOU CO., LTD.	MYOKOUZAN	Hirata Masayuki
Niigata	OBATA SHUZOU CORPORATION	MANOTSURU	Kudou Kenya
Niigata	KATOU SHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	KINTURU	Ikedo Masaru
Nagano	ENDO BREWERY INC.	KEIRYU	Takano Shin
Nagano	SHUSENKURANO CO., LTD.	KAWANAKAJIMA GENBU	Chino Mariko
Nagano	GOUMEIGAISHA KAMETAYASYUZOUTEN	SYUUHO ALPS MASAMUNE	Ito Daiji
Nagano	YOIKANA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	METOBANOIZUMI	Negishi Norio
Nagano	KIKUSUI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KIKUSUI	Kawaguchi Hisao
Nagano	KOTEN SHUZOU CORPORATION	KOTEN	Oguchi Mie
Nagano	USUI SHOUTEN CORPORATION	HAKUBANISHIKI	Matsuura Hiroyuki
Nagano	HOKUAN JYOUZOU CO., LTD.	HOKUAN DAIKOKU	Yamazaki Yoshiyuki
Nagano	OSAWA SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	MEIKYOSHISUI	Osawa Minoru
Nagano	SAKUNOHANA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	SAKUNOHANA	Inoue Tatsuyuki
Nagano	TOTSUKA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KANCHIKU	Nishimura Kazuhiko

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The Grand Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Ibaraki	HUCHUHOMEARE CO., LTD.	WATARIBUNE	Nakajima Isao

The Special Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Tochigi	WATANABE SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KYOKUKOU	Watanabe Hidenori
Ibaraki	TANAKA BREWERY CO., LTD.	KIMIBANDAI	Ogawa Kiyoshi

The Excellence Prize

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Ibaraki	KOWA INC. HITACHI SAKE BREWERY	FUTARIBUTAI	Nagaoka Shinji
Ibaraki	HIROSE COMPANY	SEN	Komatsu Noritsugu
Ibaraki	YUKISHUZOU CO., LTD.	MUSUBIYUI	Urasato Michiko
Ibaraki	RAIFUKU SHUZOU CO., LTD.	RAIFUKU	Satou Akira
Ibaraki	OKABEGOUMEIGAISHA	MATSUZAKARI	Fujisaka Shinichi
Ibaraki	NEMOTO SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KUJINOYAMA	Kikuchi Michiro
Ibaraki	AIYU SHUZO CO., LTD.	AIYU	Tada Ichiro
Tochigi	INOUE SEIKICHI CO., LTD.	SAWAHIME	Sato Tamotsu
Tochigi	TORAYA HONTEN CO., LTD.	KIKU	Tenmaya Makoto
Tochigi	SUGITA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	YUUTO MASAMUNE	Takahashi Yoshikatsu
Tochigi	SOHOMARE SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	SOHOMARE	Akita Toru
Tochigi	TONOIKE SHUZOUTEN	SANRAN	Ono Makoto
Tochigi	TENTAKA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	TENTAKA	Sugumachi Kouetsu
Tochigi	SHIMAZAKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	AZUMARIKISHI	Ohuchi Katsumi
Tochigi	KABUSHIKI KAISHA SENKIN	TURU KAME	Kobayashi Akihiko
Tochigi	TOMIKAWA SHUZOUTEN CO., LTD.	CHUAI	Tomikawa Mariko
Tochigi	MORITO SHUZOU CORPORATION	SYOUJINZAWA	Morito Yasuo
Gunma	MACHIDASHUZOUTEN CO., LTD.	MACHIDASHUZOU	Machida Emi
Gunma	HIJIRI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KANTOUNOHANA	Imai Kensuke
Gunma	MAKINO SHUZOU CO., LTD.	OSAKAZUKI	Iwashimizu Fumio
Gunma	TSUCHIDASHUZO CORPORATION	HOMAREKOKKO	Hoshino Genki
Gunma	NAGAI SAKE INC.	MIZUBASHO	Goto Kenji
Gunma	MATSUYA SHUZO	RUKA	Matsubara Hiroyuki

Prefecture	Manufacturer	Trade Name	Brewmaster etc.
Saitama	KOYAMA HONKE SHUZO CO., LTD.	KINMON SEKAITAKA	Ninomiya Kazuyuki
Saitama	IGARASHI SYUZO CO., LTD.	TENRANZAN	Kobayashi Kiyoshi
Saitama	KITANISHI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	BUNRAKU	Murakami Daisuke
Niigata	ISHIMOTO SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	KOSHI NO KANBAI	Takeuchi Shinichi
Niigata	TAKANO SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KOSHIJI FUBUKI	Ishikawa Hiroki
Niigata	KIRINZAN SHUZO CORPORATION	KIRINZAN	Hasegawa Yoshiaki
Niigata	ASAHI-SHUZO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD. ASAHIGURA	KUBOTA	Yamaga Motoyoshi
Niigata	KAWACHUSHUZO CORPORATION	SOTEMBO	Nomizu Masuo
Niigata	YUKITSUBAKI SHUZO CO., LTD.	KOSHINO YUKITSUBAKI	Iizuka Taiichi
Niigata	HARASHUZOU CO.,LTD. SEITYOGURA	KOSHINOHOMARE	Hirano Yasuo
Niigata	FUJINOI SHUZOU COMPANY LIMITED	FUJINOI	Koike Satoru
Niigata	SHIRATAKI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	JOZEN MIZUNOGOTOSHI	Matsumoto Takaki
Niigata	TAKACHIYO SHUZOU CO., LTD.	MAKIHATA	Abe Shigeo
Niigata	TSUNAN JOZO CO., LTD.	KIRINOTOH	Takizawa Masaya
Niigata	MATSUNOI SHUZOU CORPORATION	MATSUNOI	Furusawa Yutaka
Niigata	TAKEDA SHUZO CO., LTD.	KATAFUNE	Kobayashi Yoshio
Niigata	KATOU SHUZOUTEN CORPORATION	KAZEYAWARAKA	Ikedo Masaru
Nagano	MATSUWO SAKE CORPORATION	MATSUWO	Komamura Koji
Nagano	NISHIIDA SHUZOUTEN	SEKIZEN	Iida Kazumoto
Nagano	YOSHINOYA CO., LTD.	NISHINOMON	Harada Hiroo
Nagano	MARUNAGASHUZOJO LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	TAKANAMI	Nagahara Motoharu
Nagano	KIKUSUI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KIKUSUI	Kawaguchi Hisao
Nagano	SAKENUNOYAHONKIN SHUZOU CO., LTD.	HONKIN	Miyasaka Koutaro
Nagano	KABUSHIKIKAISHA MAIHIME	SHINSYU MAIHIME	Isozaki Kunihiro
Nagano	MIYASAKA BREWING COMPANY, LTD. MASUMI SUWAKURA	MASUMI	Hirabayashi Kazuyuki
Nagano	URUSHIDO JOUZOU CO., LTD.	INOKASHIRA	Urushido Takahiko
Nagano	YONEZAWA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	IMANISHIKI	Sakaguchi Shunya
Nagano	FUKUGEN SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KITA ALPS	Suzuki Tatsuya
Nagano	CHIKUMANISHIKI SHUZOU CORPORATION LIMITED	CHIKUMANISHIKI	Shigeta Norikazu
Nagano	FUYOU SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KINPOU FUYOU	Yanagisawa Kiyoshi
Nagano	NANAWARAI SHUZOU CORPORATION	NANAWARAI	Yanagisawa Satoru

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The Special Prize

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Tochigi	DAIICHI SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KAIKA	Ninomiya Shunichi
Niigata	KIKUSUI SAKE CO., LTD. NINOIJIGURA	KIKUSUI NINOIJIGURA	Ito Jun

The Excellence Prize

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Ibaraki	MORISHIMA SHUZOU CO., LTD.	TAIKAN	Morishima Shouichirou
Ibaraki	YUKISHUZOU CO., LTD.	FUKUFUKU	Urasato Michiko
Tochigi	TORAYA HONTEN CO., LTD.	KIKU	Tenmaya Makoto
Tochigi	TSUJIZENBEISHOTEN CO., LTD.	TSUJIZENBEI	Tsuji Hiroyuki
Tochigi	TONOIKE SHUZOUTEN	BOU	Ono Makoto
Tochigi	WATANABE SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KYOKUKOU	Watanabe Hidenori
Gunma	NAGAI SAKE INC.	TANIGAWADAKE	Goto Kenji
Saitama	IGARASHI SYUZO CO., LTD.	TENRANZAN	Kobayashi Kiyoshi
Niigata	TAKANO SHUZOU CO., LTD.	KOSHIJI FUBUKI	Ishikawa Hiroki
Niigata	ASAHI-SHUZO SAKE BREWING CO., LTD. SHORAIGURA	ASAHIYAMA	Oohashi Ryouzaku
Niigata	OFUKU SHUZOU CO., LTD.	OFUKUMASAMUNE	Nakano Yoshikazu
Niigata	KAWACHUSHUZO CORPORATION	SOTEMBO	Nomizu Masuo
Niigata	HARASHUZOU CO., LTD. SEITYOGURA	KOSHINOHOMARE	Hirano Yasuo
Niigata	HARASHUZOU CO., LTD. WAJYOGURA	KOSHINOHOMARE	Ishiguro Yoshikazu
Niigata	ECHIGOZAKURA SHUZOU CORPORATION	ECHIGOZAKURA	Otake Go
Niigata	KIKUSUI SAKE CO., LTD. SETSUGOROGURA	KIKUSUI SETSUGOROGURA	Ikarashi Yuta
Niigata	AYUMASAMUNE SHUZOU CO., LTD.	AYUMASAMUNE	Ageishi Syuji
Nagano	MATSUWO SAKE CORPORATION	MATSUWO	Komamura Koji
Nagano	SUWAOTSUYAHONKE SHUZOU CO., LTD.	SOROSORO	Takahashi Yusuke
Nagano	OSAWA SAKE BREWERY CO., LTD.	MEIKYOSHISUI	Osawa Minoru