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Japan Game Awards 2011 "Games of the Year Division" Award Winners Determined!

The Grand Award in the "Games of the Year Division" goes to

"MONSTER HUNTER PORTABLE 3rd"

(CAPCOM CO., LTD)

In addition to the series titles, new titles received awards.

Computer Entertainment Supplier's Association

The Computer Entertainment Supplier's Association (CESA; Chairman: Yoichi Wada; Location: Minato-ku, Tokyo) has determined the titles for the awards in the "Games of the Year Division" at the Japan Game Awards 2011, which welcomes the 15th year. This year's Grand Award goes to "MONSTER HUNTER PORTABLE 3rd" (CAPCOM CO., LTD; Platform: PlayStation Portable).

Also, the award Ceremony for the Japan Game Awards 2011 "Game of the Year Division" was held yesterday at the Event Stage in the Tokyo Game Show 2011 (Venue: Makuhari Messe, Exhibition Hall 8) to announce and honor the award winners.

The following is the list of award winning titles for the Grand Award, Award for Excellence, Best Sales Award and Global Award.

[Japan Game Awards 2011 "Games of the Year Division" Award Winners]

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Award	Title	Platform	Company
Grand Award	MONSTER HUNTER PORTABLE 3rd	PSP	CAPCOM CO., LTD.
Award for Excellence	Wii Party	Wii	Nintendo Co., Ltd
	THE LEGEND OF HEROES ZERO NO KISEKI	PSP	Nihon Falcom Corporation
	CATHERINE	PS3/XB360	Index Corporation.
	GRAN TURISMO 5	PS3	Sony Computer Entertainment Inc.
	SUPER MARIO GALAXY 2	Wii	Nintendo Co., Ltd.
	Xenoblade	Wii	Nintendo Co., Ltd.
	DONKEY KONG COUNTRY RETURNS	Wii	Nintendo Co., Ltd.
	NINOKUNI - DS Version * English name TBD.	DS	LEVEL-5 Inc.
	Pokémon Black Version and Pokémon White Version	DS	The Pokémon Company
	METAL GEAR SOLID PEACE WALKER	PSP	Konami Digital Entertainment Co., Ltd.
	MONSTER HUNTER PORTABLE 3rd	PSP	CAPCOM CO., LTD.
Special Award	Red Dead Redemption	PS3/XB360	Rockstar Games
Best Sales Award	Pokémon Black Version and Pokémon White Version	DS	The Pokémon Company
Global Award Japanese Product	Pokémon HeartGold and SoulSilver Versions	DS	The Pokémon Company
Global Award Foreign Product	Call of Duty Black Ops	PS3/XB360/PC	Activision / Treyarch

[Abbreviations for platforms]

^{*} PS3: PlayStation®3 / PSP: PlayStation®Portable / DS: NintendoDS and DS Lite, DSi, DSi LL / XB360: Xbox360® / PC: Windows®

^{*} Titles are listed in Japanese alphabetical order.

The titles for Japan Game Awards 2011 "Game of the Year Division" were selected from over 1,426 games ^(*1) sold in Japan <u>between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011</u>. Based on the "general public cast votes" between April 11 and July 22, 2011 and the subsequent review by the Japan Game Awards selection committee, Award for Excellence, Best Sales Award, and Global Award were selected. And out of 11 titles for Award for Excellence, the "**MONSTER HUNTER PORTABLE 3rd**" was honorably selected for the Grand Award in 2011.

*1 Without regard for the type of platforms such as console, portable, PC or mobile phone

[Reason for Grand Award selection]

The "MONSTER HUNTER PORTABLE 3rd" recorded accumulated sales of 4.6 million units in Japan. The game introduces total of 12 types of weapon genres which is the highest numbers in the series, and selection committee can experience wide array of hunting actions. In succession to the "hunting" concept, this game is supported by many users as well as fans to the series, leading to receive this year's Grand Award.

[Awards for series titles and new titles]

"Wii Party", "SUPER MARIO GALAXY 2", "METAL GEAR SOLID PEACE WALKER" and other titles which were supported by a wide range of users received the Award for Excellence, while "Pokémon Black Version and Pokémon White Version" which recorded global sales of 11.51 million units (as of end of March) received the Best Sales Award. Also, "Red Dead Redemption" had high evaluation from users for its brilliant view of the world and scenario and realistic graphic, as well as the game design with high flexibility, leading to receive the Special Award.

For further detailed information such as the reasons why the titles that received awards were selected, recipients' official comments, titles that received awards last year, please visit the Japan Game Awards official website: URL http://awards.cesa.or.jp/en

CESA plans to produce posters that show all the games that received awards, and then distribute them to stores that sell game software starting around November. Through the Japan Game Awards, it is our aim to continue to communicate the enjoyment and wonder of computer entertainment to as many people as possible, and to contribute to the further development of the game industry.

Pictures of the award ceremony and recipient's photo session images are available for download at: URL: https://www.filey.jp/tgs/

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Materials such as the Japan Game Awards logo and design data for the various awards are available for download at: URL: http://awards.cesa.or.jp/overview/index.html
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"Amateur Division" to Be Awarded Next.

Following the Japan Game Awards 2011 "Games of the Year Division", the award ceremony for the "Amateur Division", a category for original games created by amateurs, will be held at the following schedule.

Japan Game Awards 2011 "Amateur Division"

Date: September 17 (Sat) AM10:30 to AM11:30
Venue: Event Stage (Exhibition Hall 8) in the Tokyo Game Show 2011

* The press pass of "Tokyo Game Show 2011" is necessary for the coverage.

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