



Games of the Year Division



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(Nintendo Co., Ltd.)

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Computer Entertainment Supplier's Association

The Japan Game Awards 2016 (organized by the Computer Entertainment Supplier's Association CESA; Chairman: Hideki Okamura) has announced the award winners for the "Games of the Year Division". Splatoon [Nintendo Co., Ltd.] received the most prestigious Grand Award. Winners for the Award of Excellence, the Special Award, the Best Sales Award and the Global Award for Japanese Product / Foreign Product were also selected.

Japan Game Awards 2016 "Games of the Year Division" Award Winners

*Alphabetical order in each award

Award	Title	Company	Platform
Grand Award	Splatoon	Nintendo Co., Ltd.	Wii U
Award for excellence	DARK SOULS III	FromSoftware, Inc.	PS4 / Xbox One / PC
	DRAGON QUEST BUILDERS	SQUARE ENIX CO., LTD.	PS4 / PS3 / PS Vita
	Fallout 4	Bethesda Softworks®	PS4 / Xbox One / PC
	METAL GEAR SOLID V : THE PHANTOM PAIN	Konami Digital Entertainment	PS4 / PS3 / Xbox One / XB360 / PC
	Minecraft	Microsoft Japan Co., Ltd.	PS4 / PS3 / PS Vita / Xbox One / XB360 / iOS / Android OS / PC / Mac
	MONSTER HUNTER CROSS	CAPCOM CO., LTD.	3DS
	Splatoon	Nintendo Co., Ltd.	Wii U
	Super Mario Maker	Nintendo Co., Ltd.	Wii U
	The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt	Spike Chunsoft Co., Ltd.	PS4 / Xbox One
YO-KAI WATCH Blasters	LEVEL-5 Inc.	3DS	
Best Sales Award	MONSTER HUNTER CROSS	CAPCOM CO., LTD.	3DS
Global Award Japanese Product	Super Smash Bros. for Nintendo 3DS / Wii U	Nintendo Co., Ltd.	3DS / Wii U
Global Award Foreign Product	Call of Duty: Black Ops III	Activision/Treyarch	PS4 / PS3 / Xbox One / XB360 / PC

※PS4: PlayStation®4 / PS3: PlayStation®3 / 3DS: Nintendo 3DS and 3DS LL / XB360: Xbox 360® / PC: Windows®

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With overwhelming support, the 2016 Grand Award goes to Splatoon !

“Splatoon” by Nintendo Co., Ltd. is a game that excites many players, regardless of their age, with its straightforward rules, in-depth gameplay, unique POP colored graphics and the excitement of the 4-versus-4 multiplayer matches. With equipment and stages added through ongoing updates and in-game events, the fun doubles even after its launch. A lot of comments included “my family is addicted”, “most interesting”.

As a completely new shooting game that brought about a big movement and with overwhelming support from numerous players, this game won the Grand Award of the “Games of the Year Division” of Japan Games Award 2016.



■ “MONSTER HUNTER CROSS” won the double award of the Best Sales Award and Award of Excellence

The latest installment of the Monster Hunter Series which utilizes a unique, innovative system. The improved actions and hunting style received overwhelming support not only from fans of the series, but also from new fans, and thus winning it the Award of Excellence. Furthermore, it recorded the largest sales in the target period. Since its launch on November 28, 2015 to the end of June, the accumulated sales reached 3.3 million titles, winning it the Best Sales Award.



■ “Super Smash Bros. for Nintendo 3DS/Wii U” won the Global Award Japanese Product for the second consecutive year!

This product which won “Global Award Japanese Product” last year entertains players around the world this year with a new playing style through collaboration between 3DS and Wii U, and new elements that fully utilize the characteristics of the respective platforms. Taking into account the strong support the game continually receives from many users in overseas markets, it was awarded the “Global Award Japanese Product” for the second consecutive year.



■ “Call of Duty” Series also won the ‘Global Award Foreign Product’ for the second year running

The “Call of Duty” Series boasts overwhelming popularity around the world. “Call of Duty: Black Ops III” presents a new charm with unprecedented seamless and speedy combats, series’ first cooperative play and more.



It received enthusiastic support from fans around the world. Following last year's "Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare", the "Call of Duty: Black Ops III" won the "Global Award Foreign Product" this year as well.

■ Popular games that won the "Award of Excellence" this year !

● "The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt" :

Surpassing the previous games with enormous fields in a world of dark fantasy. Excellent deep storyline and sub quests with various developments and endings depending on player's choices. "A masterpiece of open worlds!" "This changed the history of RPG." The impressive craftsmanship and speedrun elements attracted fervent support from many fans, winning it the "Award of Excellence".



● "YO-KAI WATCH Blasters: Red Cat Squad/White Dog Team" :

The Red Cat Squad and White Dog Team are 2 versions of the game that are filled with fun factors and interlocking elements. Limited edition Yo-kais also make their appearance. In this online cooperative play where teams of up to 4 Yo-kais can work together to challenge big Yo-kai bosses, the division of roles, attributes and cooperation are important. This white-hot multiplayer game is popular with children, many of whom commented that "I want to play it with my friends!"

● 『METAL GEAR SOLID V:THE PHANTOM PAIN』 :

With the largest stage of the series as a backdrop, players mull over strategies to infiltrate freely in constantly changing circumstances that includes the passing of time and changes in weather. The tension and sense of accomplishment of stealth missions that unfolds on a stage meticulously built to include small details gained the game avid fans who praising this as the "Series culmination, a masterpiece!" and won it the Award of Excellence.

● "Super Mario Maker":

The joy of making your custom-made dream course by arranging blocks and placing enemy characters freely through doodling. By connecting Wii U to the internet, players can share the courses they created for everyone to play and download to play the courses users around the world created. This pleasure that can spread indefinitely has won the support of many users as well as the Award of Excellence.

● 『Minecraft』 :

Rising to popularity as a play video uploaded by many users, Minecraft sparked a large movement and is now available on various platforms, including Wii U, PlayStation 4 and smartphones. In the general votes, it received strong support from many users, including elementary school pupils. Following the "Japan Games Award: Games of the Year Division - Special Award" it received last year, it received the "Award of Excellence" this year.

●『Fallout 4』 :

The ultimate survival drawn to an unprecedented scale in a world devastated by nuclear war. Players who have a high degree of freedom to determine how the story progresses are immersed in tension-filled adventures. As a Future Division Award winner, this game met players' expectations splendidly. It received ardent support as "a Best Open world RPG in history", and thus was conferred the Award of Excellence.

●"Dragon Quest Builders" :

With Alefguard, which is made of innumerable blocks, as a backdrop, adventures unfold to regain the light to a world covered in darkness. With everything visible a material to create items or streets freely, the joy of weaving the story together has not only garnered support from fans of the series, but also new users who are playing Dragon Quest for the first time, and hence winning it the award.

●『DARK SOULS III』 :

Set in a world falling into ruin, the game gives players the fundamental fun factor of RPG and sense of achievement, from the tension of exploring dungeons to the fear when encountering enemies and the joy of new discoveries. Thrilling battles where various weapon-specific actions can be performed based on a new element "Combat Skills" have zealous fans commending it as "the Series Masterpiece", and thus it won the award.



We hope to continue communicating the enjoyment and wonder of computer entertainment to as many people as possible through the Japan Game Awards, and contribute to the further development of the game industry in Japan.

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