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Games of the Year Division

Grand Award for 2014 is a tie!



“Monster Hunter 4”
(CAPCOM CO., LTD.)

“YO-Kai Watch”
(LEVEL-5 Inc.)

“Pokémon X and Pokémon Y” with three awards,
“Grand Theft Auto V” with two awards, respectively!

Computer Entertainment Supplier’s Association

The Japan Game Awards 2014 (organized by the Computer Entertainment Supplier’s Association (CESA; Chairman: Shin Unozawa) has announced the award winners for the “Games of the Year Division” today. Two titles: “Monster Hunter 4” (CAPCOM CO., LTD.) and “YO-Kai Watch” (LEVEL-5 Inc.) were selected for the 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 2014 “Games of the Year Division” Award Winners -

*Alphabetical order in “Grand Award” / “Award for excellence”

Awards	Title	Company	Platform
Grand Award	MONSTER HUNTER 4	CAPCOM CO., LTD.	3DS
	YO-Kai Watch	LEVEL-5 Inc.	3DS
Award for excellence	DARK SOULS II	FromSoftware, Inc.	PS3 / XB360 / PC
	FINAL FANTASY XIV: A Realm Reborn	SQUARE ENIX CO., LTD.	PC / PS3 / PS4
	Grand Theft Auto V	Rockstar Games	PS3 / XB360
	Kan Colle	DMM.com Co., Ltd. Kadokawa Games, Ltd.	PC
	METAL GEAR SOLID V : GROUND ZEROES	Konami Digital Entertainment Co., Ltd.	PS4 / PS3 / XB360 / Xbox One
	MONSTER HUNTER 4	CAPCOM CO., LTD.	3DS
	Pokémon X and Pokémon Y	The Pokémon Company	3DS
	PUZZLE & DRAGONS Z	GungHo Online Entertainment, Inc.	3DS
	Super Mario 3D World	Nintendo Co., Ltd.	Wii U
	The Last of Us	Sony Computer Entertainment	PS3
YO-kai Watch	LEVEL-5 Inc.	3DS	
Special Award	Solitiba	GAME FREAK inc.	3DS
Best Sales Award	Pokémon X and Pokémon Y	The Pokémon Company	3DS
Global Award Japanese Product	Pokémon X and Pokémon Y	The Pokémon Company	3DS
Global Award Foreign Product	Grand Theft Auto V	Rockstar Games	PS3 / XB360

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

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The 'Grand Award' is a tie with two titles: "Monster Hunter 4" and "YO-kai Watch"!



Two titles were selected for the Grand Award as the Japan Game Awards Selection Committee considered them to be the fitting titles to represent the year of 2013, in addition to receiving many supports by general voters.

The "Monster Hunter 4", which has gone beyond the borders of a game and created a new communication, has introduced a new system in every series. Wide range of users from the conventional core fans to the new users who played this game for the first time gave a support with high anticipation for the next series, leading to winning the Grand Award.

The "YO-Kai Watch", which revitalized an ancient Japanese character, YO-Kai (specter) and focused on the viewpoints of children, has brought a new social movement for children. It was highly praised for getting beyond a game industry and presenting a new entertainment format in which parents can enjoy with kids, leading to winning the Grand Award.

Titles with overwhelming support by wide range of fans including core fans received the 'Award of Excellence' one after another!

- "DARK SOULS II"

It received overwhelming support by fans of the series for its high level of strategy in the solo play and online play with a united front.

- "FINAL FANTASY XIV: A Realm Reborn"

Beautiful graphic and characters for the series and wealth of scenario setting attracted high remarks from the fans. Some even said "it's the best MMORPG in Japan!"

- "Kan Colle"

It has a game design based on history and peripheral content including historical sites attracted attention and received support from various range of fans from game users to history fans.

- "METAL GEAR SOLID V : GROUND ZEROS"

Many users praised its mission with freedom and live presence, and showed high expectations for the main story.

- "PUZZLE & DRAGONS Z"

Many children who were waiting for its release expressed their burst of joy, saying "I can now play it on my DS!" Also, merging of the puzzle and RPG and periodically-distributed "special dungeons" captivated the users and the game received many praises for being fun and enjoyable with a simple operation.

- "Super Mario 3D World"

With abundance of new attractions such as "Cat Mario" which made its first appearance, "Double Cherry" whose clones keep growing, headgears, and so on, fun of operating four unique characters and clearing 3D stages received many praises that "they enjoyed the game with family or friends."

- "The Last of Us"

It has a mind-bending live feeling by its realistic graphic and sound and sense of urgency of survival. It received an enthusiastic support as a "title which drew out the ultimate PS3's performance" for the emotional involvement to the main character, sense of immersion into the game, etc.



“Pokémon X and Pokémon Y” **received THREE awards** for the ‘Award of Excellence,’ the ‘Best Sales Award,’ and the ‘Global Award Japanese Product.’



It’s the first Nintendo 3DS title for the “Pocket Monster” series. It supports seven languages and has recorded the global accumulating sales total of 12.26 millions titles (until March of this year), since its world simultaneous release on October 12, 2013.

Also, in addition to the fan’s approval for its new function being “fun”, it received unparalleled support by users in the overseas market as well, which led to winning three awards this year.

“Grand Theft Auto V” **received TWO awards** for the ‘Award of Excellence’ and the ‘Global Award Foreign Product!’

The view of the world drawn by its irresistible scale and realistic detailed graphic had some core fans say “it’s the series’ best.” It also recorded explosive sales of more than 32.5 million titles globally, leading to receive two awards this year.



Download monopoly title, “Solitiba” received the ‘**Special Award!**’



It’s a horse racing game where the players accumulate power by playing a standard card game “Solitaire” and make the horses run using that power. This Nintendo 3DS game gained many users as a new download monopoly title and received popular votes by general voters, leading to win the Special Award this year.

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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