

## Japan Game Awards 2022 the GOTY Division

# The Grand Award was awarded to "ELDEN RING" (FromSoftware, Inc.)

- ELDEN RING: This highly praised video game was selected as the winner of the Grand Award!
- Pokémon Brilliant Diamond and Shining Pearl: Winner of the Best Sales Award and Global Award!
- The "Call of Duty" series wins the Global Award for the second year in a row!

At the 26th Japan Game Awards (hosted by Computer Entertainment Supplier's Association (CESA)), the winners of the Game of the Year division in the Japan Game Awards 2022 were chosen and "ELDEN RING" (FromSoftware, Inc.) was selected as the winner of this year's Grand Award.

This year, the awards were given to titles released in Japan between April 2021 to the end of March 2022\*, and each award was determined by the Japan Game Awards Selection Committee and by a general vote which was carried out from April 11 to July 22.

\*Only the Global Award will be given to titles released between January 2021 through the end of December 2021.

### "The Game of the Year Division" winners (Alphabetical order within each award)

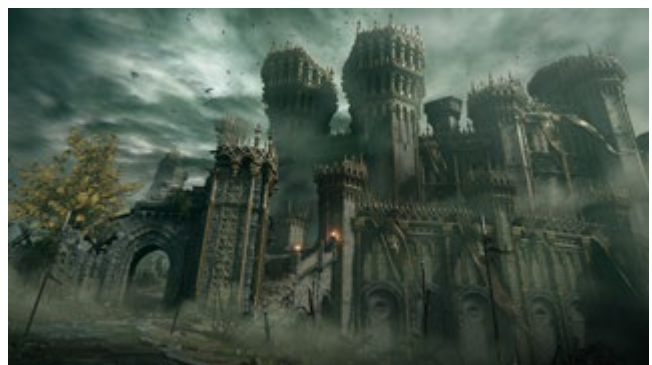
Awards	Title	Company	Platform
<b>Grand Award</b>	<b>ELDEN RING</b>	FromSoftware, Inc.	PS5 / PS4 / Xbox Series X S / Xbox One / Steam
<b>Award for excellence</b>	ELDEN RING	FromSoftware, Inc.	PS5 / PS4 / Xbox Series X S / Xbox One / Steam
	FINAL FANTASY XIV: ENDWALKER	SQUARE ENIX CO., LTD.	PS5 / PS4 / Windows® / Mac / Steam
	Ghostwire: Tokyo	Bethesda Softworks	PS5 / PC
	Horizon Forbidden West	Sony Interactive Entertainment	PS5 / PS4 / PS4 Pro
	Kirby and the Forgotten Land	Nintendo Co., Ltd.	Nintendo Switch
	LOST JUDGMENT	SEGA, Inc.	PS5 / PS4 / Xbox Series X S / Xbox One / Amazon Luna
	Pokémon LEGENDS ARCEUS	The Pokémon Company	Nintendo Switch
	Resident Evil Village	CAPCOM CO.,LTD.	PS5 / PS4 / Xbox Series X S / Xbox One / Steam
	Sky: Children of the Light	thatgamecompany	iOS / Android OS / Nintendo Switch
Tales of ARISE	Bandai Namco Entertainment Inc.	PS5 / PS4 / Xbox Series X S / Xbox One / Steam	
<b>Best Sales Award</b>	Pokémon Brilliant Diamond and Shining Pearl	The Pokémon Company	Nintendo Switch
<b>Global Award Japanese Product</b>	Pokémon Brilliant Diamond and Shining Pearl	The Pokémon Company	Nintendo Switch
<b>Global Award Foreign Product</b>	Call of Duty®: Vanguard	ACTIVISION / Sledgehammer Games / Treyarch	PS5 / PS4 / Xbox Series X S / Xbox One / PC



Grand Award and Award for Excellence

# ELDEN RING

(FromSoftware, Inc.)



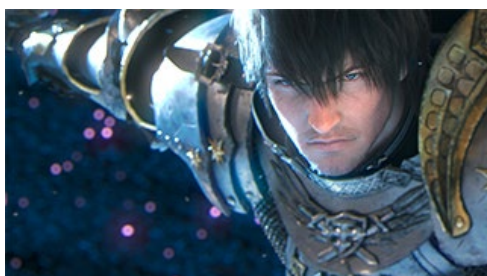
An action RPG that explores the unknown and various threats set in a realistic dark fantasy world.

This game, which depicts a dark fantasy world with overwhelming volume and quality, has gained tremendous support from many players and was selected as the winner of the Grand Award in the general voting, with enthusiastic comments such as, "Everything about this game is perfect. It's a God-level game."



**The Award for Excellence was given to several of the hottest titles of 2022!**

## FINAL FANTASY XIV: ENDWALKER (SQUARE ENIX CO., LTD.)



Popular MMORPG "Final Fantasy XIV"

As the culmination of the series, the game features a cast of major characters who have appeared in past scenarios and played important roles in the series and was chosen as the winner of the award because of the support it has received from long-time players.

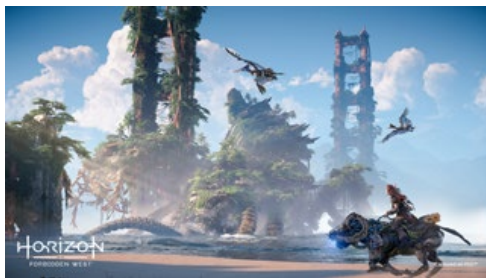
## **Ghostwire: Tokyo (Bethesda Softworks)**



An action-adventure game set in a distorted version of Tokyo.

The award was given in recognition of the game's excellent storyline, breathtaking graphics, and unique worldview.

## **Horizon Forbidden West (Sony Interactive Entertainment)**



The sequel to the worldwide hit "Horizon Zero Dawn". In the general vote, the game was highly acclaimed as having an amazing worldview, storyline, combat, and graphics, all of which "surpassed the previous title".

## **Kirby and the Forgotten Land (Nintendo Co., Ltd.)**



The first 3D action game in the popular "Kirby's Dream Land" series.

In the general vote, the game received votes from various users ranging from 2 to 68 years old, with comments such as "it's fun to play with my friends, siblings, parents and children," and "it's also fun to

play with my grandchildren," making it the winner of the award with the support of many users.

## **LOST JUDGMENT (SEGA, Inc.)**



The latest in the "Judge Eyes" action adventure series starring Takuya Kimura.

The game was immensely popular among users and was given the award for its thrilling action and rich storyline that asks the question, "What is justice?"

## **Pokémon LEGENDS ARCEUS (The Pokémon Company)**



The latest in the "Pokémon" series, a fusion of action and RPG.

With a completely new way to enjoy Pokémon, this game received a lot of support from not only adult fans of the series, but also from children who played this game for the first time.



## Resident Evil Village (CAPCOM CO., LTD.)



The sequel to the worldwide hit “Resident Evil 7: Biohazard”.

In the general voting, comments such as, “The shocking development of the last scene brought tears to my eyes,” were received by many users, who chose the game for its spectacular storyline that transcended the category of horror games.

## Sky: Children of the Light (thatgamecompany)

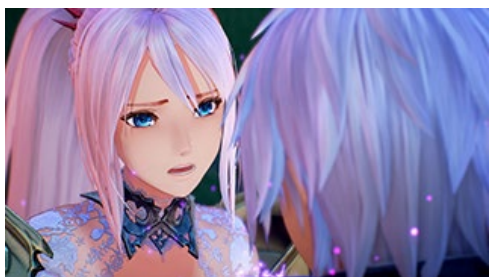


A highly-popular social adventure game that is currently available on iOS, Android, and Nintendo Switch.

The game was selected as the winner of the award in the general vote, with overwhelming support from teenage female users who enjoyed the fun of interacting with players from around the world and

the heartwarming experience of caring, friendship, and bonding with others.

## Tales of ARISE (Bandai Namco Entertainment Inc.)



The latest in the “Tales of” series, celebrating its 25th anniversary.

The game successfully met the expectations of users who had been eagerly awaiting the release of the new title, and was chosen as a winner with the general vote, with many people saying that “the story, graphics, characters, and combat are all top-notch” and that “it is a classic RPG game”.



**Winner of the “Best Sales Award” and  
“Global Award / Japanese Product”**



## Pokémon Brilliant Diamond and Shining Pearl

(The Pokémon Company)



A remake of the 2006 blockbuster hit “Pokémon Diamond/Pearl”. Furthermore, this title, which was very popular among children and their parents, won the award by recording the highest number of units sold in Japan during the period covered.

Since it was released on November 19, 2021, it recorded cumulative worldwide sales of approximately 14.79 million units through June 30 of this year.

It also received the “Global Award / Japanese Product” due to the support of many fans not only in Japan but also in overseas markets.



**“Global Award / Foreign Product”**  
**Call of Duty: Vanguard**  
(ACTIVISION / Sledgehammer Games / Treyarch)



The latest in the “Call of Duty” series, which continues to be a hit around the world. The title, which featured a “Zombie Mode” that allows players to fight alongside their friends against hordes of the dead, was chosen for the award thanks to the immense support from enthusiastic fans from around the world.

Today's announcement of the “Japan Game Awards 2022, Game of the Year Division” can be viewed archived at the following URL.

**URL: [https://youtu.be/6n\\_nX31Nx6Y](https://youtu.be/6n_nX31Nx6Y)**

You can also watch the video from the official websites of the Japan Game Awards and Tokyo Game Show 2022.

Japan Game Awards official website: <https://awards.cesa.or.jp/>

\*Select “Award Ceremony” from the menu on the top page.

•TOKYO GAME SHOW official website: <http://tgs.cesa.or.jp/english>

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