

Dear Members of the Press,

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COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT SUPPLIER'S ASSOCIATION

【Japan Game Awards 2025】

Award Ceremony, Game Designers Grand Prize and 8 judges, etc.

Detailed information announced at once!

The COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT SUPPLIER'S ASSOCIATION (CESA, Chairman: Haruhiro Tsujimoto) today announced detailed information about the Japan Game Awards 2025, which selects and awards game titles worthy of representing the year.



■ Main announcements

1. Announcement of each award ceremony
2. Game Designers Grand Prize 8 judges decided!
3. Kanata Hongo and Harami-chan will participate in the annual work category announcement award ceremony!
4. Public voting for the Future Division will be open online from 10:00 on Thursday, September 25(JST)

■ Announcement of Award Ceremony

The Japan Game Awards 2025 Annual Title Category Announcement Ceremony will be held at 18:00 on Tuesday, September 23, the day before the Tokyo Game Show 2025, and will be held in Iino Hall with an upgraded version from last year. The announcement and award ceremony for the Future Division will be held as usual on Sunday, September 28 at 13:00 at the TGS2025 Event Stage (Makuhari Messe Hall 1). In addition, each award will be streamed live (online). The live stream is free of charge without pre-registration and can be viewed from the official website of the Japan Game Awards, the official website of the Tokyo Game Show 2025, and the URL of each YouTube Live. Stay tuned for the moment of the announcement of each prestigious award.

●How to watch:

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

*Select the menu on the top page → Award Ceremony Details Banner

Tokyo Game Show official website: <https://tgs.cesa.or.jp/jp>

*Select each program of the Japan Game Awards from the menu → Content → on the top page

■Game Designers Grand Prize 8 judges decided!

The eight judges for the Game Designers Awards 2025, which will be selected from the perspectives of top creators, have been decided.

This year's judges include Masahiro Sakurai, the chairman of the jury, Kazutoshi Iida, Jiro Ishii, Hideki Kamiya, Kazutsuyoshi Odaka, Toby Fox, Keiichiro Toyama, and Taro Yoko. A total of 8 people will judge this year's Game Designers Awards.

At the annual work category announcement award ceremony, Masahiro Sakurai, the chairman of the jury, will serve as a presenter and introduce the announcement of the grand prize and the appeal of the winning works.

●Game Designers Awards 2025 Judges (in Japanese alphabetical order)

Judge Name	masterpiece	Affiliation and Title
Kazutoshi Iida	AQUANAUT'S HOLIDAY / Anagra's Song-The disappeared doctor and the device left behind- etc.	Professor, Faculty of Film and Film, Ritsumeikan University
Ishii Jiro	3rd year class B Kinpachi-sensei stands on the legendary teaching platform! / 428: Shibuya Scramble / TIME TRAVELERS / Writers and Alchemists, etc.	Representative of STORYTELLING Co., Ltd.
Hideki Kamiya	Devil May Cry / Viewtiful Joe Okami / Bayonetta series The Wonderful 101 / SOL CRESTA etc.	CLOVERS Inc. Studio Head / Chief Game Designer
Kazutsuyoshi Kotaka	"The Hundred Line -Last Defense Academy-" / "Danganronpa series"	Representative of Too Kyo Games
Masahiro Sakurai	Kirby's Dream Land / Super Smash Bros. series and more	Project Sora Co., Ltd.
Toby Fox	UNDERTALE / DELTARUNE etc.	Indie Game Creator
Keiichiro Toyama	SILENT HILL/ SIREN Series GRAVITY DAZE Series / Slitterhead etc.	Co., Ltd. CEO / Creator of Bokeh Game Studio



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Yoko Taro	DRAG-ON DRAGOON Series / NieR Series / SInoALICE etc.	BUKKORO Co., Ltd. Representative Director
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【About the Game Designers Awards】

The Game Designers Awards are evaluated by top creators representing the game industry based on "creativity" and "novelty" from a professional perspective, and one of the best works selected by creators is selected. Please look forward to this year's Game Designers Awards, which will be selected by eight top creators.

■ Annual Work Category Announcement Award Ceremony Hongo Kanata and Harami-chan participate!

It has been decided that Kanata Hongo, the official supporter of TGS2025, and pianist Harami-chan will participate in the "Annual Works" award ceremony, which will be held on Tuesday, September 23 (a national holiday) at Iino Hall in Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo.

■ Public voting for the Future Division will be accepted online from 10:00 on Thursday, September 25 (JST)

The voting period for the Future Division will be from 10:00 on Thursday, September 25, the first day of the Tokyo Game Show 2025, to 16:00 on Saturday, September 27, the third day of the exhibition, and all voting will be conducted online.

For more information on voting, please visit the official website of the "Japan Game Awards 2025 Future Category".

Official website: <https://awards.cesa.or.jp/future>

■ Japan Game Awards 2025 Future Category Overview

Name: Japan Game Awards 2025 Future Category

Organizer: Computer Entertainment Association (CESA)

Supported by: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Voting period: September 25 (Thu) 10:00 to September 27 (Sat) 16:00 (JST)

Voting method: WEB voting (<https://awards.cesa.or.jp/future>)

Prizes: A total of 200 people will be selected by lottery from among those who voted to receive soft and original goods from the "Japan Game Awards Future Division" winning works.

*Winners will be sent a winning email. The prize will be shipped after the winning software is released.



【About the Eligible title】

Unreleased titles announced or exhibited at Tokyo Game Show 2025, held from Thursday, September 25 to Sunday, September 28, will be eligible (including video exhibits and hardware).

*Unreleased titles announced within official exhibitor programs are also eligible.

*Please note that voting will close at 16:00 on Saturday, September 27. Any unreleased titles announced after the voting deadline will not be eligible.

■Japan Game Awards 2025 Annual Game Category Announcement

Award Ceremony Event Overview

Name: Japan Game Awards 2025 Annual Title Category Announcement Award Ceremony

Organizer: Computer Entertainment Association (CESA)

Supported by: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Venue: Iino Hall (2-1-1 Uchisaisaicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Iino Building 4th ~ 6th floor)

Official website: <https://awards.cesa.or.jp/>

【Official Materials】

The image materials used in this release are stored in the box below, so please use them when publishing.

URL: <https://app.box.com/s/qzmvda827ztclv5ne45njf93f8dlzy9b>

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