



To all media representatives

June 12, 2026

Computer Entertainment Supplier's Association

The game that represents this year will be decided!

Which game will take home the Grand Award?

Japan Game Awards 2026

"Games of the Year Division"

Public voting starts today, Friday, June 12!

Computer Entertainment Supplier's Association (CESA, President: Haruhiro Tsujimoto) has announced that public voting for the Japan Game Awards 2026 "Games of the Year Division" opens today, Friday, June 12. This division honors the titles that best represent the year. Eligible titles include any games released in Japan between Sunday, June 1, 2025, and Sunday, May 31, 2026, from which the defining game titles of the year will be selected.

The voting deadline is Friday, July 17, at 23:59 (JST). For further details, including how to vote, please visit the official Japan Game Awards website.

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



■ By voting, you can win prizes like game consoles by lottery!

Voters will be entered into a lottery for a chance to be one of approximately 350 lucky winners to receive premium prizes. This year's lineup includes various gaming consoles such as the PlayStation®5 Pro, Nintendo Switch™2 (Japan-exclusive model), and XBOX Series X. Other exciting prizes feature the "Games of the Year" division winning software or related merchandise, Tokyo Game Show 2026 admission tickets, and special invitations to the Japan Game Awards "Games of the Year" Presentation Ceremony. (Please refer to the next page for further prize details.)

The Japan Game Awards "Games of the Year" Division recognizes and honors outstanding computer entertainment software titles that best represent the year. Following the public voting period from Friday, June 12 to Friday, July 17, the Japan Game Awards Selection Committee will review the entries to determine the winners of the "Grand Award," "Awards for Excellence" (multiple titles), and other accolades. We look forward to receiving your votes for the "Games of the Year Division".

■ Japan Game Awards 2026 "Games of the Year" Division – Voting

Guidelines

Eligible Titles: All computer entertainment software titles released in Japan between June 1, 2025, and May 31, 2026.

※Eligible platforms include all home consoles, handheld devices, PCs, and smartphones (all platforms are eligible)

※This includes Japanese localized versions of overseas titles.

Voting Period: Friday, June 12, 2026, 13:00 to Friday, July 17, 2026, 23:59 (JST)

Eligibility: Open to all. Anyone can vote, regardless of gender, age, nationality, location, gaming experience, or game ownership.

※Limit one vote per person. Only one vote for one title per person will be accepted.

※The prize lottery is open to residents of Japan only.

How to Vote:

<Voting via the Web>

Official Japan Game Awards Website: <https://awards.cesa.or.jp/en/>

Please access the site from your smartphone or PC, fill in the required fields, and submit your vote.



<Voting via Postcard>

Please include the following information and mail your postcard to the address below:

[1] Name [2] Gender [3] Age [4] Address [5] Phone Number [6] Occupation [7] Email Address (if applicable) [8] Game Title [9] Platform (the hardware for the game title you are voting for) [10] Reason for Voting [11] Preferred Prize Course Name (For Courses A and B, please specify your desired item)

[Mailing Address]

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Prizes: The following prizes will be awarded to voters via a lottery.

Course A/PlayStation®5 Pro: 3 winners

Nintendo Switch™2 (Japan-exclusive model): 3 winners

XBOX Series X: 3 winners

※Please note that console colors cannot be selected.

Course B/Apple Gift Card or Google Play Gift Card (10,000 JPY value each): 20 winners total

Course C/Japan Game Awards 2026 "Games of the Year Division" – Winning Software or Related Merchandise: 100 winners total.

Course D/Tokyo Game Show 2026 Admission Tickets

※Valid for single-day entry on any one of the public days: Saturday, September 19, Sunday, September 20, or Monday (Holiday), September 21.

Course E/Exclusive Invitation to the Japan Game Awards 2026 Awards Ceremony for the "Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Award" and "Game of the Year Division"

※ Date & Time: Tuesday, September 15, 2026, from 18:00 (JST)

Location: Hulic Hall Tokyo (Yurakucho Marion 11F, 2-5-1 Yurakucho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)

※Winners will not be announced publicly; the shipping of the prizes will serve as the announcement.

※Prize shipping is limited to addresses within Japan only.

■ For Reference

【Japan Game Awards 2025 "Games of the Year Division" Winners Grand Award】

Award	Title	Company Name	Platform
Grand Award	Metaphor: ReFantazio	ATLUS CO., LTD.	PlayStation 5、PlayStation 4、XBOX Series X/S、Project xCloud、Microsoft Windows
Game Designers Award	INDIKA	Odd Meter Games	PlayStation 5、XBOX Series X/S、Steam
Award for Excellence	Metaphor: ReFantazio	ATLUS CO., LTD.	PlayStation 5、PlayStation 4、XBOX Series X/S、Project xCloud、Microsoft Windows
	Urban Myth Dissolution Center	SHUEISHA Games Inc.	Nintendo Switch、PlayStation 5、Microsoft Windows
	Romancing SaGa 2: REVENGE OF THE SEVEN	SQUARE ENIX CO., LTD.	Nintendo Switch、PlayStation 5、PlayStation 4、Microsoft Windows
	DRAGON QUEST III: HD-2D Remake	SQUARE ENIX CO., LTD.	Nintendo Switch、PlayStation 5、XBOX Series X/S、Steam、Microsoft Windows
	DYNASTY WARRIORS: ORIGINS	KOEI TECMO GAMES CO., LTD.	PlayStation 5、XBOX Series X/S、Microsoft Windows
	Tokyo XtremeRacer	Genki Co., Ltd.	Steam
	Like a Dragon: Pirates Yakuza in Hawaii	SEGA CORPORATION	PlayStation 5、PlayStation 4、XBOX One、Microsoft Windows、XBOX Series X/S
	Monster Hunter Wilds	CAPCOM CO., LTD.	PlayStation 5、Microsoft Windows、XBOX Series X/S、GeForce Now
	The Hundred Line - Last Defense Academy -	Aniplex Inc.	Nintendo Switch、Microsoft Windows
	Fantasy Life i: The Girl Who Steals Time	LEVEL5 Inc.	Nintendo Switch、PS5、PS4、XBOX Series X/S、Steam
Breakthrough Award	ELDEN RING NIGHTREIGN	FromSoftware, Inc.	PlayStation 5、PlayStation 4、XBOX Series X/S、Microsoft Windows
Movement Award	Clair Obscur: Expedition 33	Kepler Interactive	PlayStation 5、XBOX Series X/S、GeForce Now、Project xCloud、Microsoft Windows
Special Award	Pokémon Trading Card Game Pocket	The Pokémon Company	Android、iOS
	PlayStation®Store	Sony Interactive Entertainment	-

■ Japan Game Awards 2026 "Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Award" & "Games of the Year Division" Presentation Ceremony – Event Overview

Event Name: Japan Game Awards 2026 "Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Award" & "Games of the Year" Division Presentation Ceremony

Organizer: Computer Entertainment Supplier's Association (CESA)

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Official Website: <https://awards.cesa.or.jp/en/>

【Official Materials】

Image materials used in this release are stored in the URL folder below.

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