

The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Fragrant Rose Trial  
in Echigo Hillside Park, Nagaoka Japan  
Award-winning Entries

The International Fragrant Rose Trials is held every year to welcome applications from the rose breeders not only in Japan but also across the world. The Second Rose Trials held in 2006 attracted 31 breeders from 8 countries, namely Japan, UK, New Zealand, China, Denmark, Finland, France and Germany showcasing a total of 83 different varieties. Those roses participated in the trials in 2006 were planted for two years under same conditions. The Judging Committee, comprising of experts of roses and fragrances, was held in spring and autumn this year to judge winners. We have pleasure in informing you of the results of the judgment.

You are more than welcome to visit our park to see those winning varieties during the Rose festival held from end of May to mid June next coming spring.

We are also scheduling award ceremony during the Rose festival around early June 2009.

<<Prize types>>

\* Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award: This prize is awarded to the highest score winner among the Gold Award Winners.

\* Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award: This prize is awarded to the highest score winner in the fragrance section among the winners of Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards.

\* Nagaoka City Mayor's Award: This prize is awarded to the highest score winner among the general visitors to our park.

\* Gold Award, Silver Award, Bronze Award: These prizes are awarded to the roses in each category of which total score in the judging criteria such as strength of fragrance, quality of fragrance, disease and insects endurance, growth strength, overall style and beauty of blooming flowers, overall impression and others, have reached the preset level for each award.

<<Comments from Judging Committee members>>:

Judging Committee Chairman: Mr. Yoshihiro Ueda, Professor of Gifu International Academy of Horticulture

The Second Rose Trials have received far more applications than the First Trials with 83 applications. We had to spend quite a long time to judge deliberately. As for the result, we have decided to prize one Gold Award winner, three Silver Award winners, and three Bronze Award winners. The Gold Award winner, which scored the highest, had received the highest scores in three judging criteria such as quality of fragrance, overall style and beauty of blooming, and overall impression, meaning its characteristics regarding its flowers including fragrance were excellent. The Silver Award winner and the best breed in the Hybrid-Tea (HTs) category was a strong variety with high scores in such judging criteria like disease and insects endurance, climate endurance and growth strength, let alone strength of fragrance. The Silver Award winner and the best breed in the Floribunda (F) Roses category has received relatively high scores in every judging criteria, indicating its balanced characteristics.

Regarding the category variations, Shrubs (S) was the largest with 30 varieties, indicating the current trends of garden rose breeding.

Judging Committee Vice Chairman: Mr. Shoji Nakamura, President of International Fragrance and Culture Society

There were many participants to this Second Trials with 83 applications. As there were many roses with excellent fragrance, it was so difficult for us to determine the winners.

All of the award winners were rich in fragrance, and were appropriate for this Second Trials.

Interestingly, each of the seven award winners had wide variety of floral fragrance.

Gold Award and Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award

Entry No. 21

Variety Category: S

Variety Name: LA ROSE DU PETIT PRINCE™ *delgramau*

Breeder: Georges DELBARD SA (France)

Fragrance type: Blue: Fresh blue aroma with a blend of refined sweetness and powdery woody tone.

Judgment remarks: Highest scores in judging criteria of quality of fragrance, overall style and beauty of blooming, and overall impression



Silver Award and Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award

Entry No. 20

Variety Category: S

Variety Name: LA ROSE DE MOLINARD™ *delgrarose*

Breeder: Georges DELBARD SA (France)

Fragrance type: Fruity: Sweet aroma with emphasis on floral and fruity characteristics

Judgment remarks: Highest scores in two judging criteria of strength of fragrance and quality of fragrance. Also scored high in judging criteria of disease and insect endurance and climate endurance, indicating its strong characteristics.



Silver Award

Entry No. 17

Variety Category: HT

Variety Name: Danjiri Bayashi '02

Breeder: Mr. Ken Osanai (Osaka, Japan)

Fragrance type: Damask classic

Light and elegant fragrance with strong sweet aroma peculiar of Damask roses and a hint of refreshing greenery.



Silver Award

Entry No. 54

Variety Category: Fl

Variety Name: FKS-258

Breeder: Mr. Shunsuke Takeuchi (Chiba, Japan)

Fragrance type: Fruity

Colorful fragrance with a honey-like strong sweetness and a touch of metallic characteristics





**Bronze Award**

Entry No. 69

Variety Category: HT

Variety Name: Kouzan

Breeder: Mr. Masayuki Matsumoto (Saitama, Japan)

Fragrance type: Damask modern

Light and sweet aroma peculiar of Damask varieties.



**Bronze Award**

Entry No. 53

Variety Category: F1

Variety Name: FKS-254

Breeder: Mr. Shunsuke Takeuchi (Chiba, Japan)

Fragrance type: Tea

Elegant fragrance with characteristics of tea in addition to the sweetness of Damask varieties.



**Bronze Award**

Entry No. 43

Variety Category: S

Variety Name: Kohaku

Breeder: Mr. Hiroshi Ogawa (Chiba, Japan)

Fragrance type: Myrrh

Refreshing and balanced aroma with appropriate portion of myrrh characteristics



**Nagaoka City Mayor's Award**

Entry No. 78

Variety Category: S

Variety Name: Linnaeus

Breeder: Poulsen Roser A/S (Denmark)

Judgment remarks: Its color of bright orange with flush of red was eye-catching. There was a dramatic change of colors from the time in bud to its full bloom, which was beautiful.

