

## The 16<sup>th</sup> International Fragrant Rose Trial in Echigo Hillside Park, Nagaoka, Japan Details of the result

The International Fragrant Rose Trials is held every year by inviting applications of new fragrant roses from rose breeders not only in Japan but all around the world. All the applied nursery plants are planted and brought up for two years under exactly the same condition in the snowy and cold region of Japan. Then, examination session is held twice every spring and autumn by the Judging Committee comprising of experts of roses and fragrances to decide the award winning varieties.

The winning prizes are Gold Award, Silver Award and Bronze Award each for the specified four criteria. In addition, as special awards, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award is presented to the highest score winner among the Gold Award Winners, Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award is presented to the highest score winner in the fragrance section among the winners of Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards, and Nagaoka City Mayor's Award is presented to the most popular variety among the general guests to the park.

<< Prize Winner Details and Judges' Comments >>

### **Judging Committee Chairman :**

#### **Yoshihiro Ueda (Visiting Professor, Gifu International Academy of Horticulture)**

We received a total of 59 entries in the 16th International Fragrant Rose Trials, with 14 Hybrid Tea (HT) entries, 19 Floribunda (F) entries, 24 Shrub (S) entries, and 2 entries in the Miniature (Min) category, characterized by many entries in the S category. This year, although we experienced heavy winter snowfall and delayed snowmelt, roses grew steadily and flowered well in the spring. There was some effect on the fall flowering due to the high temperature and dryness of summer, but did not cause any difficulty with the judging. For roses grown under these conditions, we awarded one Gold, one Silver, and one Bronze for each of the HT, F, and S categories, and one Silver and one Bronze for the Min category. In addition, the Nagaoka City Mayor's Award was awarded to the one selected from the HT category by popular vote of the park visitors.

*Le Temps des Cerises* was the Gold Award winner in the S category and the recipient of the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award. It is a highly vigorous variety with vivid burgundy, cupped to rosette blossoms.

*Jolie Melodie* was the Gold Award winner in the HT category and the recipient of the Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award. It is the most fragrant variety with reddish-purple, low, high-centered round-petal to cupped blossoms.

*Champagne*, the Gold Award winner in the F category, is a strong-growth, generous blossom variety with butter-yellow, peony-like appearance, rosette to quartered blossoms.

*ELEANOR*, the Silver Award winner in the Min category, is a little large variety for a miniature rose, with wisteria-purple, shallow-cup blossoms of which periphery of petals turn dark pink at full bloom.

*Gisila<sup>TM</sup> Renaissance® Poulren042(N)* in the HT category, the winner of the Nagaoka City Mayor's Award, forms lemon-yellow, large rosette blossoms. Its color and refreshing fragrance probably made it most popular among the park visitors.

**Judging Committee Deputy Chairman : Yuji Ichikawa (Perfumer)**

We received a total of 59 entries from Japan and overseas for the 16th International Fragrant Rose Trials. This year, we had long rainy days and severe temperature fluctuations during the summer and fall, but overall, the weather was relatively good. As a result, we were able to select a total of 12 award-winning roses in 4 categories: 3 Gold, 4 Silver, 4 Bronze, and one Nagaoka City Mayor's Award, which were tied for the most awards to date.

The fragrance category of award-winning roses was 6 Damask-modern, 4 Tea, 1 Fruity and 1 Blue categories.

*Jolie Melodie* was the winner of the Gold Award in the Hybrid Tea category and the Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award for the highest score in the fragrance category. It has a Damask-modern fragrance described as "a gorgeous Damask fragrance characterized by sparkling pear, lychee, and smooth tea notes."

*Champagne*, the winner of the Gold Award in the Floribunda category, has a tea fragrance described as "an elegant tea fragrance of fresh orange, apple, peach aromas with honey-like sweetness in harmony."

*Le Temps des Cerises* was the winner of the Gold Award in the Shrub category and the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award for the highest overall score. It has a Damask-modern fragrance described as "a deep Damask fragrance of clear lychee aroma with soft tea aroma and honey-like sweetness in harmony."

This year, there was no entry worthy of the Gold Award in the Miniature category.

Finally, *Gisila™ Renaissance® Poulren042(N)* in the Hybrid Tea category won the Nagaoka City Mayor's Award by popular vote. It has a tea fragrance described as "a typical tea fragrance with fresh lemon and violet-green notes."

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## Category : HTs, Grandifloras

**Gold Award**

**Special prize :Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award**

Entry No.11

Variety : Jolie Melodie

Breeder : Meilland International - France

Flower : Reddish-purple, low, high-centered, round-petal to cupped blossoms. Flower covers the entire rose in a balanced manner.

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

A gorgeous Damask fragrance characterized by sparkling pear, lychee, and smooth tea notes.



## **Silver Award**

Entry No.4

Variety : Encounter

Breeder : Toshio Tomiyoshi - Japan

Flower : Salmon-pink, peaked-petal high-centered blossoms. The petal tips are dark pink. One blossom per stem, typical of the HT category, with beautiful blossom appearance.

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

A sweet Damask fragrance of fresh hyacinth-green, pear, lychee, and apple aromas in harmony.



## **Bronze Award**

Entry No.10

Variety : MK-MI314

Breeder : Makiko Kawamoto - Japan

Flower : Lemon-yellow, rosette blossoms. The petal tips are paler in color. The contrast between the red stems and the blossom color is beautiful.

Fragrance type : Tea

An elegant tea fragrance characterized by honey-like sweetness and clove-like spicy aroma.



**Special prize : Nagaoka City Mayor's Award**

Entry No.1

Variety : Gisila™ Renaissance® Poulren042(N)

Breeder : Poulsen Roser A/S - Denmark

Flower : Lemon-yellow, large rosette blossoms. The peripheries of the petals transition to white.

Fragrance type : Tea

A typical tea fragrance with fresh lemon and violet-green notes.



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## Category : F

**Gold Award**

Entry No.21

Variety : Champagne

Breeder : Takunori Kimura - Japan

Flower : Butter-yellow, peony-like appearance, rosette to quartered blossoms.

Fragrance type : Tea

An elegant tea fragrance of fresh orange, apple, peach aromas and honey-like sweetness in harmony.



### **Silver Award**

Entry No.30

Variety : EMBRASEMENT PARFUME (GAU4016)

Breeder : GAUJARD Aveline - France

Flower : Vermilion-red, cupped blossoms. The petal edges are lobed and wavy.

Fragrance type : Fruity

A fruity fragrance with distinctive aromas of fresh apple, mango, and peach based on a Damask fragrance with strong honey-like sweetness.



### **Bronze Award**

Entry No.16

Variety : Arcana

Breeder : Fuminori Nukariya - Japan

Flower : Pale gentle pink, quartered to rosette blossoms. Flower covers the entire rose in a balanced manner.

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

An intense Damask fragrance with anise-like unique aroma and sweetness and hints of peach and apple aromas.



# Category : S

## **Gold Award**

**Special prize : Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award**

Entry No.43

Variety : Le Temps des Cerises

Breeder : Georges Delbard - France

Flower : Vivid burgundy, cupped to rosette blossoms. The petals are wavy.

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

A deep Damask fragrance of clear lychee aroma with soft tea aroma and honey-like sweetness in harmony.



## **Silver Award**

Entry No.54

Variety : Uki-Yo

Breeder : Fuminori Nukariya - Japan

Flower : Purplish-pink, cupped blossoms. The leaves are glossy, and generous blossoms cover the rose.

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

A rich Damask fragrance with a strong honey-like sweetness based on familiar apricot and apple aromas.



### **Bronze Award**

Entry No.41

Variety : Confiture

Breeder : Makiko Kawamoto - Japan

Flower : Light pale gentle pink, quartered to rosette blossoms.

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

A gorgeous Damask fragrance with lush hyacinth green and distinctive anise notes.



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## **Category : Min**

### **Silver Award**

Entry No.59

Variety : ELEANOR

Breeder : Seiji Nakashima - Japan

Flower : Wisteria-purple, shallow-cupped blossoms. The periphery petals turn dark pink and beautiful at full bloom. A little large for a miniature rose.

Fragrance type : Blue

A gorgeous blue rose fragrance with fresh lemon, hyacinth-green, and sweet jasmine-floral aromas in harmony.



## **Bronze Award**

Entry No.58

Variety : LIZ

Breeder : Seiji Nakashima - Japan

Flower : Scarlet-red, round-petal, flat blooms. The bushy plants and flower size are typical of miniature roses.

Fragrance type : Tea

An elegant tea fragrance with clove-like spice, apple, and pear aromas in harmony.





# The 16<sup>th</sup> International Fragrant Rose Trial in Echigo Hillside Park, Nagaoka, Japan (Echigo-IFRT)

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## ◆Guidelines for Applications

1. Eligibility for Applications : Breeders both professional and amateur, in Japan and overseas.
2. Acceptable Rose Varieties:
  - (1) Varieties that have never been on the market within or outside Japan, or varieties that were first made available for sale on or after January 1, 2017.
  - (2) Categories of Acceptable Rose Varieties:
    - Part 1: Large-flowered Roses (HTs, Grandifloras)
    - Part 2: Floribunda Roses (F) (Cluster-flowered)
    - Part 3: Shrubs(S)
    - Part 4: Miniature Roses, Mini-floras, Patio Roses, and Polyanthas(Min)Climbers are excluded from all of the above categories.
  - (3) The Number of Entries: Limited to a total of four varieties per single breeder.
  - (4) The Number of Trees per Variety:  
Three trees per single variety.  
Note: Includes grafted rootstock up to 3-yrs old. Excludes custom shaped or trained roses such as standard roses.
3. Entry Fee : Free of charge

## ◆The Periods of Judging: June and October, 2022

## ◆Judging and Commendation:

Chairman: Yoshihiro Ueda (Visiting Professor, Gifu International Academy of Horticulture)  
Deputy: Yuji Ichikawa (Perfumer)  
Kokichi Komita (President of Niigata Rose Society)  
Naoki Ishikawa (Honorary President of Niigata Rose Society)  
Naoharu Watanabe (Professor Emeritus, Shizuoka University)  
Yuki Mikanagi (Curator of Herbarium, Natural History Museum and Institute, Chiba)  
Hideko Ishiguro (Rose researcher, Director of Ishiguro Music Academy)  
Minobu Maekawa (Garden Designer)  
Naomi Okubo (Assistant leader, Materials Development Group at Institute of Vegetable and Floriculture Science, NARO)  
Junko Nagano (Takasago International Corporation Fragrance Creation Center Senior Perfumer)  
Johji Nishio (WFRS International Judges Committee / President of Machida Rose Society)  
Yushi Terazima (Perfumer)  
Atsushi Joichi (Perfumer)  
Kazuyuki Sasaoka (Director of Echigo Hillside National Government Park Office)

## ◆Prizes: Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award for each category.

## ◆Special prizes: Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award (Top Award)

Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award  
Nagaoka City Mayor's Award

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◇Breeders : 27breeders

◇The number of varieties : 59Varieties (HTs-14, F-19, S-24, Min-2)

◇Participating nation : Japan, Denmark, France ,U.K., Germany, Korea