

Results for the 15th NBSK Craftsmen' s Competition 2025

Sword Making - Sculpture Section

【Sword Making】

The Mombu Kagaku Daijin Award (Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)

The Keizai Sangyo Daijin Award (Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry)

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| Katana | Teruhira | Length 76.8 cm Curvature 2.6 cm | Okayama | Yozo Kamiyama |
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NBSK Chairman' s Award

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| Katana | Miyairi Yoh saku kore | Length 74.2 cm Curvature 2.7 cm | Nagano | Yoh Miyairi |
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The Nagano Prefectural Governor' s Award

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| Katana | Yamato koku ju Gassan Sadanobu tsukuru (kao) Reiwa 7 nen haru kichijitsu | Length 73.5 cm Curvature 2.4 cm | Nara | Ichiro Gassan |
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Gold Prize (1st place)

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| Katana | Myochin Munehiro Reiwa 7 nen haru | Length 76.5 cm Curvature 2.2 cm | Hyogo | Yusuke Myochin |
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Silver Prize (1st place)

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| Katana | Bitchu ju Yoshimasa saku Reiwa 7 nen choku | Length 71.4 cm Curvature 2.0 cm | Okayama | Keiichiro Tomioka |
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Silver Prize (2nd place)

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| Tachi | Masaya saku Reiwa 7 nen haru | Length 81.8 cm Curvature 3.1 cm | Gifu | Masaya Yoshida |
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Silver Prize (3rd place)
Newcomer award

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| Tanto | Masatoshi Reiwa 6 nen shoshun | Length 22.5 cm Curvature 0.0 cm | Gifu | Tsuyoshi Miyata |
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Bronze Prize (1st place)

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| Tachi | Yumesubaru Osafune Sukemitsu saku Reiwa 7 nen 1 gatsu kichijitsu | Length 73.0 cm Curvature 2.4 cm | Okayama | Mitsuhide Mori |
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Bronze Prize (2nd place)

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| Tachi | Soshu ju Mitsuhiro Reiwa 6 nen 6 gatsu kisshojitsu | Length 62.4 cm Curvature 0.0 cm | Kanagawa | Jugo Mori |
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Nyusen (Recognition prize)

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| Katana | Bungo Sansa ju Taira Kiyooki saku Bungo battokai 5 no kitae Reiwa 6 nen 3 gatsu | Length 71.8 cm Curvature 1.8 cm | Oita | Komei Niina |
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Invitation

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| Tanto | Yamato ju Gassan Sadatoshi kinsaku (kao) Reiwa 7 nen 3 gatsu kichijitsu | Length 26.4 cm Curvature 0.3 cm | Nara | Kiyoshi Gassan |
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Invitation

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| Katana | Musashinokuni Akihira Shifu Taiou no ishi tsugi Osafune Sukesada o fukugen Donkai Yamakage Kunihiro reiwa 7 nen 2 gatuhi | Length 73.7 cm Curvature 2.1 cm | Saitama | Masahito Kawasaki |
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Invitation

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| Tachi | Yoshihiro | Length 79.0 cm Curvature 2.4 cm | Hiroshima | Yoshihiro Kubo |
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Invitation

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| Katana | Reiwa 5 nen 5 gatsuhi Miyairi Kozaemon Yukihira saiha Onko-chishin Miyairi Yho kore o kitaeru tame Iharake ju dai | Length 73.2 cm Curvature 1.9 cm | Nagano | Kei Miyairi |
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Judge

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| Ken | Sadanao saku kore Reiwa 7 nen haru kichijitsu | Length 71.3 cm Curvature 0.0 cm | Hiroshima | Takanori Mikami |
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Judge

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| Katana | Toto junin Yoshimitsu saku kore Reiwa 7 nen haru kichijitsu | Length 71.2 cm Curvature 2.9 cm | Tokyo | Mitsuo Yoshikawa |
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Sculpture

Gold Prize (2nd place)

(Kinzogan)Hokutoshichisei sansei unkimon juto

Okayama

Munenori Kinoshita

Polishing Section

The Kanko cho chokan Award(Commissioner of Tourism Agency)

Katana

Teruhira

Length 76.8 cm

Curvature 2.6 cm

Tokyo

Soichiro Abe

NBSK Chairman' s Award

Katana

Miyairi Yho saku kore

Length 74.2 cm

Curvature 2.7 cm

Saitama

Yoshimasa Mizuta

The Shinano Mainichi Shimbun Award

Katana

Muroran ju Taneshige saku
Reiwa 6 nen 1 gatsu kichijitsu

Length 72.5 cm

Curvature 2.2 cm

Miyagi

HirotaKa Miura

Gold Prize (1st place)

Katana

Boshu Iwakuni koku Seiryuken Moritoshi
zo kore
Ansei 7 nen saru 2 gatsuhi

Length 69.5 cm

Curvature 2.1 cm

Miyagi

Ryo Kunikami

Silver Prize (1st place)

Tachi

Bizenkoku Osafune Nagamitsu

Length 72.4 cm

Curvature 2.5 cm

Fukui

Jiro Fujikawa

Bronze Prize (1st place)

Katana

(Mumei)

Length 81.4 cm

Curvature 3.2 cm

Kanagawa

Yuichi Sagara

Nyusen(Recognition prize)

Katana

Hizenkoku ju Omidaijo Fujiwara Tadahiro

Length 69.3 cm

Curvature 2.0 cm

Kanagawa

Yuki Akita

Nyusen(Recognition prize)

Katana

(Mumei)

Length 57.5 cm

Curvature 1.6 cm

Tokyo

Hiroaki Kaneko

Invitation

Tachi

Miyairi Akihira saku
Showa 47 nen kikuzuki kichijitsu

Length 76.6 cm

Curvature 2.0 cm

Tokyo

Koshu Hon' ami

Judge

Wakizashi

Totojunin Yoshimitsu saku
Reiwa 7 nen shogatsu kichijitsu

Length 36.4 cm

Curvature 0.4 cm

Tokyo

Kazunori Abe

Judge

Katana

Hiroyosi

Length 67.1 cm

Curvature 0.6 cm

Kyoto

Joji Tamaki

Judge

Tanto

Terushige

Length 29.0 cm

Curvature 0.0 cm

Shizuoka

Komyo Hagi

Judge

Tachi

Muneyoshi

Length 69.2 cm

Curvature 2.8 cm

Kanagawa

Tsunetsugu Watanabe

Toso Section

【Tosogu】

NBSK Chairman' s Award

Sentokuji shakudo fukurin okina-yasuri nagamarugata
hiasizu tsuba

Tsuba

Tokyo

Noboru Kawakami

Gold Prize (2nd place)

Oboriginji kannonzu kozuka

Kozuka

Ishikawa

Noriaki Matsui

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| Silver Prize (1st place) | Suakaji kambazu hakkaku tsuba | Tsuba | Niigata | Mitsuki Sibuya |
| Silver Prize (2nd place) | Shibuitiji fuji ni unryuzu tsuba | Tsuba | Osaka | Atsumasa Sakai |
| Silver Prize (3rd place) | Tetsuji uma sukashi tsuba | Tsuba | Berlin | Christoph Kopp |
| Bronze Prize (1st place) | Suaka shakudo gin mokumeganeji marugata tsuba | Tsuba | Tokyo | Masaoki Yamaguchi |
| Nyusen(Recognition prize) | Tetsuji chigai futatsutomoe maru zu sukashi tsuba | Tsuba | Chiba | Toshimasa Iwaki |
| Nyusen(Recognition prize) | Kuromidoji ryu zu tsuba | Tsuba | Tokyo | Jeff Broderick |

【Shirogane】

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| Gold Prize (1st place) | Gold foil double habaki | Habaki | Kyoto | Yasunori Matsukawa |
| Silver Prize (1st place) | Suaka ground, gold foil single Yujo habaki | Habaki | Gifu | Minoru Hirata |
| Nyusen(Recognition prize) | Suaka ground, gold foil single Mito habaki | Habaki | Kanagawa | Asuka Okamura |
| Judge | Wakizashi koshirae metal fittings complete set | Habaki | Gunma | Yutaka Matsumoto |
| Judge | Suaka ground, gold uwagai foil sayagata sitagai ground, silver double habaki | Habaki | Tokyo | Takeshi Miyashita |

【Shirasaya】

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| Gold Prize (1st place) | Shirasaya | Gifu | Kazuyuki Furukawa |
| Gold Prize (2nd place) | Shirasaya | Hyogo | Atsushi Tazawa |
| Silver Prize (1st place) | Shirasaya | Tokyo | Yoshiyuki Ohira |
| Nyusen(Recognition prize) | Shirasaya | Okayama | Hinano Sato |
| Judge | Shirasaya | Gifu | Takahiro Mori |

【Tsukamaki】

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| Sakaki Mayor' s Award | Matsubairo kusubekawa kumiage karame-maki tsukamae | Tsukamaki | Gifu | Kazuyasu Toyama |
| Gold Prize (2nd place) | Midoriiro tsunegumi-ito moro-tsumami-maki tsukamae | Tsukamaki | Kanagawa | Naoya Hirayama |
| Gold Prize (3rd place) | Kogetyairo tsunegumi-ito moro-tsumami-maki tsukamae | Tsukamaki | Shizuoka | Yutaka Inoue |
| Silver Prize (1st place) | Usuasagihiro jabara-ito kumiage-maki tsukamae | Tsukamaki | Osaka | Chiharu Sada |
| Bronze Prize (1st place) | Tetsukoniro tsunegumi-ito moro-tsumami-maki tsukamae | Tsukamaki | Kyoto | Shigeharu Hirai |
| Nyusen(Recognition prize) | Aomidoriro tsunegumi-ito moro-tsumami-maki tsukamae | Tsukamaki | Ibaraki | Yuko Kigasawa |
| Nyusen(Recognition prize) | Kuroito tsunegumi-ito moro-tsumami-maki tsukamae | Tsukamaki | Tokyo | Tsutomu Kuroda |
| Nyusen(Recognition prize) | Kuroiro tsunegumi-ito moro-tsumami-maki kamon soroikanagu tsukamae | Tsukamaki | Hyogo | Yuki Takeda |
| Nyusen(Recognition prize) | Tetsukonniro tsunegumi-ito moro-tsumami-maki tsukamae | Tsukamaki | Kanagawa | Miki Hosokawa |

【Saya-nuri】

Silver Prize (1st place) Kurourushi nuri wakizashi koshirae Niigata Mitsuhide Koyama

【Koshirae】

The Sakaki Town Board of Education Chairman' s Award
 Kaifu kabamaki saya wakizashi koshirae Kanagawa Naoya Hirayama

Silver Prize (1st place) Kurourushi nuri aikuchi koshirae Okayama Hinano Sato

Invitation Kurourushi nuri uchigatana kosirae Tokyo Kazuyuki Takayama

Judge Kurourushi nuri togidash-izame saya Higo kosirae Gunma Naotoshi Kemmochi

【Special exhibition】

9th Special public section "Sword Oshigata Art"

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| Yushusho 1 | Katana | Muroran ju Taneshige saku Reiwa 6 nen 1 gatsu kichijitsu | Length 72.5 cm Curvature 2.2 cm | Miyagi | Hiroataka Miura |
| Yushusho 2 | Katana | Tame Nishina Shigetoshi Shinano ju Miyairi Kei saku kore Heisei 3 shimbi nen chuka | Length 72.6 cm Curvature 2.6 cm | Nagano | Yoko Shimomura |
| Yushusho 3 | Wakizashi | (Mumei・Omiya) | Length 48.4 cm Curvature 0.9 cm | Nagano | Toshinao Takahashi |
| Yushusho 4 | Wakizashi | Izumino kami Fujiwara Kunisada | Length 40.3 cm Curvature 1.2 cm | Gunma | Hiromi Yoshino |
| Kasaku | Tanto | Yoshimitsu | Length 26.9 cm Curvature 0.0 cm | Toyama | Francesco Marinelli |
| Invitation | Tachi | Motte shintan Miyairi Akihira saku Showa 52 nen 4 gatsu kichijitsu | Length 76.5 cm Curvature 1.6 cm | Nagano | Yusuke Nagatsu |
| | Wakizashi | Kozaemon Yukihiro | Length 30.9 cm Curvature 0.8 cm | | |
| | Tanto | Miyairi Yho saku kore | Length 28.5 cm Curvature 0.0 cm | | |