

Japan Game Awards 2024 Games of the Year Division

The Grand Award goes to: The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom Nintendo Co., Ltd.

Triple Crown winner of the Grand Award, Best Sales Award, and Award for Excellence!
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At the 28th Japan Game Awards (organized by the Computer Entertainment Supplier's Association (CESA), the organization chaired by Haruhiro Tsujimoto), the winners of the Grand Award and other awards for the **Japan Game Awards 2024 Games of the Year Division**, which celebrates the standout titles of fiscal 2024, were announced. The prestigious Grand Award was awarded to **The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom (Nintendo Co., Ltd.)**.

The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom also received this year's Best Sales Award along with an Award for Excellence, making it a Triple Crown winner. In addition, **STREET FIGHTER 6 (CAPCOM CO., LTD.)** received both a Special Award and an Award for Excellence.

The Breakthrough Award—one of the newly added categories within the Games of the Year Division—was awarded to **The Exit 8**, while another new category, the Movement Award, went to **Suika Game**.

A total of 12 titles (including the Grand Award winner) were honored with an Award for Excellence for the impact they made during the eligibility period.

Award list of "Game of the Year Division"

*Alphabetical order in award for excellence

Awards	Title	Company	Platform
Grand Award	The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom	Nintendo Co., Ltd.	Nintendo Switch
Award for excellence	ARMORED CORE VI FIRES OF RUBICON	FromSoftware, Inc.	PS5 / PS4 / Xbox Series X S / Xbox One / Steam
	Dragon's Dogma 2	CAPCOM CO., LTD.	PS5 / Xbox Series X S / Steam
	FINAL FANTASY XVI	SQUARE ENIX CO., LTD.	PS5 / Steam / Epic Games Store
	FINAL FANTASY VII REBIRTH	SQUARE ENIX CO., LTD.	PS5
	Like a Dragon Gaiden: The Man Who Erased His Name	SEGA CORPORATION	PS5 / PS4 / Xbox Game Pass / Xbox Series X S / Xbox One / Windows / Steam
	Like a Dragon: Infinite Wealth	SEGA CORPORATION	PS5 / PS4 / Xbox Series X S / Xbox One / Windows / Steam
	Persona 3 Reload	ATLUS CO., LTD.	Xbox Game Pass / Xbox Series X S / Xbox One / Windows / PS5 / PS4 / Steam
	Super Mario Bros. Wonder	Nintendo Co., Ltd.	Nintendo Switch
	STREET FIGHTER 6	CAPCOM CO., LTD.	PS5 / PS4 / Xbox Series X S / Steam
	The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom	Nintendo Co., Ltd.	Nintendo Switch
Unicorn Overlord	ATLUS CO., LTD.	Nintendo Switch / PS5 / PS4 / Xbox Series X S	
Breakthrough Award	The Exit 8	KOTAKE CREATE	Nintendo Switch / PS5 / PS4 / Steam
Movement Award	Suika Game	Aladdin X Inc.	Nintendo Switch / iOS・iPad OS / Android
Special Award	STREET FIGHTER 6	CAPCOM CO., LTD.	PS5 / PS4 / Xbox Series X S / Steam
Best Sales Award	The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom	Nintendo Co., Ltd.	Nintendo Switch

[Abbreviations of platform] PS5: PlayStation®5 / PS4: PlayStation®4

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The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom

(Nintendo Co., Ltd.)



(Why it won the Grand Award and Award for Excellence)

The latest installment in the hugely popular Legend of Zelda series, this game stands out for its breathtaking, expansive world and soft, watercolor-like visuals. With Link's newly revamped abilities, players can explore a seamless world that stretches from the skies to underground, offering unparalleled freedom for exploration and adventure. The game also features dynamic environments that change over time, emotional reunions with friends, and cooperative battles.

Enthusiastically supported by players of all ages in the general vote, the game earned itself the Grand Award in the Games of the Year Division this year.

(Why it won the Best Sales Award)

Building on the vast landscapes of its predecessor, the game introduces new exploration and adventure areas in the skies and underground, with Link's newly revamped abilities captivating a wide audience of Zelda fans. It recorded the highest number of copies sold during the eligibility period, earning it the Best Sales Award. Since its release on May 12, 2023, the game had amassed total sales of approximately 20.8 million copies globally, including 3.75 million in Japan, as of June 30 this year.



Double winner of the Special Award and Award for Excellence!
STREET FIGHTER 6
 (CAPCOM CO., LTD.)



(Why it won the Special Award and Award for Excellence)

This latest installment in the highly popular Street Fighter series comes packed with cutting-edge features in the fighting genre. The game includes Sound Accessibility options that provide audio cues for distance from opponents and remaining gauge levels, allowing for a comfortable gaming experience even without visual information. This innovation allows visually impaired players to compete on an equal footing with sighted players, expanding the potential of gaming and broadening the reach of the esports genre, earning the game high acclaim and the Special Award.

Other standout features include the strategic depth of the Drive Gauge, the character development system in World Tour mode where players can apprentice with legendary fighters, and the Battle Hub for online matches that evoke the atmosphere of arcade Street Fighter battles. Moreover, in addition to the traditional Classic controls that require precise command inputs, the game offers the new, highly simplified Modern controls. As a result, STREET FIGHTER 6 garnered widespread support from hardcore fans to newcomers to the fighting genre, earning itself an Award for Excellence.



The Award for Excellence was given to several of the hottest titles of fiscal 2024!

ARMORED CORE VI FIRES OF RUBICON (FromSoftware, Inc.)



The latest entry in the popular action game series ARMORED CORE.

Dragon's Dogma 2 (CAPCOM CO., LTD.)



The direct sequel to Dragon's Dogma, an open-world action game that allows players to enjoy free adventure set in a classic fantasy world.

FINAL FANTASY XVI (SQUARE ENIX CO., LTD.)



The 16th mainline entry in the FINAL FANTASY series.

FINAL FANTASY VII REBIRTH (SQUARE ENIX CO., LTD.) (株式会社スクウェア・エニックス)



The second installment in the FINAL FANTASY VII remake project trilogy.

Like a Dragon Gaiden: The Man Who Erased His Name (SEGA CORPORATION)



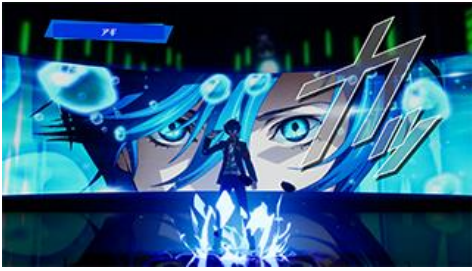
A new story filling in the gaps after Yakuza 6: The Song of Life.

Like a Dragon: Infinite Wealth (SEGA CORPORATION)



The latest entry in the hugely popular Like a Dragon/Yakuza series.

Persona 3 Reload (ATLUS CO., LTD.)



A remake of the 2006 classic Persona 3.

Unicorn Overlord (ATLUS CO., LTD.)



An all-new simulation RPG by the combo of ATLUS and VANILLAWARE.

Super Mario Bros. Wonder (Nintendo Co., Ltd.)



The first all-new Super Mario Bros. title in around 11 years.



Breakthrough Award

The Exit 8

(KOTAKE CREATE)



A short walking simulator set in an underground passageway.



Movement Award

Suika Game

(Aladdin X Inc)



A puzzle game that originated as pre-installed software on projectors.

***About the Japan Game Awards 2024 Eligibility Period**

Games released in Japan between April 1, 2023, and March 31, 2024, are eligible for the Japan Game Awards 2024. The winners were determined through a combination of public voting, held from April 8 to July 19, 2024, and a review by the Japan Game Awards Selection Committee.

Today's announcement of the "Japan Game Awards 2024 Annual Product Category" can be viewed archived at the following URL.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1ym1huhtAk>

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

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