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TOKYO WHISKY & SPIRITS COMPETITION 2021

▼ About the competition

With refined palate, profound knowledge and devotion of Japanese industry experts, the goal of this TOKYO WHISKY & SPIRITS COMPETITION is to select, award and promote the world's finest whisky and spirits of all.

TOKYO WHISKY & SPIRITS COMPETITION (TWSC) is the very first worldwide whisky and spirits competition to be held in Japan in 2019. We got 427 entries from all over the world at TWSC2020. Of these, 328 items were awarded. Additionally, the Shochu Division was newly added at TWSC held, we got 258 entries.

Recently, whisky and liquors are attracting more attention than ever. Especially from 2016 to 2017, nearly 20 distilleries have appeared across the country and it is said to be the "Dawn of the Japanese craft distilleries." This phenomenon is not unique to Japan as the trend of craft distilleries started from Scotland and is now expanding not only to Ireland, Europe, America, Canada, but also to Taiwan, India and other Asian countries as well.

In Japan you can taste all the various whisky and spirits imported from around the world. We also make our own high-quality Japanese whisky and spirits which have won numerous awards in the competitions held in Britain or the United States. "Japanese whisky" and "Japanese spirits" is now recognized as one significant category.

▼ Overview

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| ■ Date | Late February to mid-March / Remote Judging Early April / Judging Session |
| ■ Venue | Judging Session: Held in Tokyo |
| ■ Organizer | Tokyo Whisky & Spirits Competition Executive Committee |
| ■ Chairman of the executive committee | Mamoru Tsuchiya Japan Whisky Research Centre CEO, Whisky Writer, Whisky journalist |
| ■ Member of the executive committee (As of August 2019) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seiichi Koshimizu / Chief Blender Emeritus of Suntory Spirits Limited• Ken Hayakawa / Former chief blender of Fuji Gotemba Distillery• Hiroshi Shibuya / Lawyer & Judicial scrivener• Yasuyuki Nakai / Miniature bottle collector• Ikuma Hayashi / Japan Tequila Association Chairman• Shinobu Ebisawa / R.U.M Japan Chairman• Masayuki Itonaga / Japan Space Weather Association Director• Akiko Tomoda / Women's association for Japanese SAKE & WINE lovers Chairman• Rumiko Honma / Fermier S.A. CEO• Takeshi Nose / Editor, Concept Blue Inc. CEO• Sanae Hirata / Potluck International Co., Ltd. CEO |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Kunihiro Harada / Japan Whisky Research Centre Member •Zen Shirane / Photographer, Carnival critic •Liam McNulty / Chef editor of 'Nomunication.jp' |
| ■Judges | Remote Judging: about 200 judges Judging Session: about 50 judges The judges consist of experts who are involved in the whisky and spirits industry in Japan including bar owners, bartenders, makers, retailers, importers and journalists. |
| ■Winners receive | Extensive coverage on TWSC official website International, regional and national coverage targeting whisky consumers and trade buyers |
| ■Operation | Japan Whisky Research Centre |
| ■Support (As of October 2020) | Japan Tequila Association R.U.M Japan Japan Vodka Association Japan Wine and Spirits Importers' Association Japan Spirits & Liquors Makers Association Japan Pisco Association Women's association for Japanese SAKE & WINE lovers Hotel Barmen's Association, Japan Cheese Professional Association U.S. Agricultural Trade Office, American Embassy Embassy of Canada Embassy of Ireland Embassy of the Republic of Armenia Scottish Development International Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office |

▼ Schedules



▼ How to entry

Please download the entry sheet from the official website, complete all the forms and submit it by e-mail. After submitting the sheet, with the payment, the entry procedure will be completed.

1. Download the entry sheet (Excel data) from the official website.
2. Please fill out the entry sheet, and send it by e-mail. (twsc@scotchclub.org)
Entry period: From 14th September 2020 to 18th December 2020.
3. We will send you an invoice by e-mail within 5 business days.
4. Please make the payment of the entry fee by the end of the following month.
You can choose payment methods from two options 1.Credit card, or 2.Bank transfer.
Bank transfer fee and the shipping cost is not included in the amount below.
Please burden this at your expense.

ENTRY FEE

1 to 5 entries : ¥ 25,000 per item (+10% tax)

6 to 10 entries : ¥ 23,750 per item (+10% tax) <5% discount>

More than 11 entries : ¥ 22,500 per item (+10% tax) <10% discount>

5. Please send all the entry items.
Bottle submission period : From 4th November 2020 to 18th December 2020.
Required number of each item : 2 bottles (in the case 700ml or 750ml), 3 bottles (in the case 500ml), 5bottles (in the case 200ml)

*Please send bottles to below address without outer box or can.

<Shipping Addresses>

Japan Whisky Research Centre
2nd Floor, Hasebe Bldg. #10,
5-23-6 Hiro-o, Shibuya-ku,
Tokyo, 150-0012, JAPAN

When you ship the items, please ensure that all customs, customs clearance and any associated costs have been paid. If these are not completed, we cannot accept your entry or will charge you for all costs incurred.

▼ Entry categories

The following categories are current as of October 2020. This category is subject to change.
(As of October 2020)

| No | Category 1 | Category 2 | Category 3 | Category 4 |
|----|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Scotch Whisky | Single Malt | Official | No Age Statement |
| 2 | Scotch Whisky | Single Malt | Official | 12 years and under |
| 3 | Scotch Whisky | Single Malt | Official | between 13 and 20 years |
| 4 | Scotch Whisky | Single Malt | Official | between 21 and 30 years |
| 5 | Scotch Whisky | Single Malt | Official | 31 years and over |

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|----|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 6 | Scotch Whisky | Single Malt | Single Cask | 12 years and under |
| 7 | Scotch Whisky | Single Malt | Single Cask | between 13 and 20 years |
| 8 | Scotch Whisky | Single Malt | Single Cask | 21 years and over |
| 9 | Scotch Whisky | Blended Malt | | No Age Statement |
| 10 | Scotch Whisky | Blended Malt | | 15 years and under |
| 11 | Scotch Whisky | Blended Malt | | between 16 and 30 years |
| 12 | Scotch Whisky | Blended Malt | | 31 years and over |
| 13 | Scotch Whisky | Single Grain | Official | |
| 14 | Scotch Whisky | Single Grain | Single Cask | |
| 15 | Scotch Whisky | Blended Grain | | |
| 16 | Scotch Whisky | Blended | | No Age Statement |
| 17 | Scotch Whisky | Blended | | 12 years and under |
| 18 | Scotch Whisky | Blended | | between 13 and 20 years |
| 19 | Scotch Whisky | Blended | | between 21 and 30 years |
| 20 | Scotch Whisky | Blended | | 31 years and over |
| 21 | Japanese Whisky | Single Malt | Official | No Age Statement |
| 22 | Japanese Whisky | Single Malt | Official | 12 years and under |
| 23 | Japanese Whisky | Single Malt | Official | between 13 and 20 years |
| 24 | Japanese Whisky | Single Malt | Official | between 21 and 30 years |
| 25 | Japanese Whisky | Single Malt | Official | 31 years and over |
| 26 | Japanese Whisky | Single Malt | Single Cask | No Age Statement |
| 27 | Japanese Whisky | Single Malt | Single Cask | 15 years and under |
| 28 | Japanese Whisky | Single Malt | Single Cask | 16 years and over |
| 29 | Japanese Whisky | Blended Malt | | |
| 30 | Japanese Whisky | Single Grain | | |
| 31 | Japanese Whisky | Blended Grain | | |
| 32 | Japanese Whisky | Blended | | No Age Statement |
| 33 | Japanese Whisky | Blended | | 12 years and under |
| 34 | Japanese Whisky | Blended | | between 13 and 20 years |
| 35 | Japanese Whisky | Blended | | between 21 and 30 years |
| 36 | Japanese Whisky | Blended | | 31 years and over |
| 37 | Japanese Newmake Whisky | | | |
| 38 | Japan Made Whisky | Blended Malt | | |
| 39 | Japan Made Whisky | Blended Grain | | |
| 40 | Japan Made Whisky | Blended | | |
| 41 | Irish Whiskey | Pot Still | Official | |
| 42 | Irish Whiskey | Pot Still | Single Cask | |
| 43 | Irish Whiskey | Single Malt | Official | No Age Statement |

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| 44 | Irish Whiskey | Single Malt | Official | 12 years and under |
| 45 | Irish Whiskey | Single Malt | Official | between 13 and 20 years |
| 46 | Irish Whiskey | Single Malt | Official | 21 years and over |
| 47 | Irish Whiskey | Single Malt | Single Cask | |
| 48 | Irish Whiskey | Single Grain | | |
| 49 | Irish Whiskey | Blended | Official | No Age Statement |
| 50 | Irish Whiskey | Blended | Official | Age Statement |
| 51 | Irish Whiskey | Blended | Single Cask | No Age Statement |
| 52 | Irish Whiskey | Blended | Single Cask | Age Statement |
| 53 | American Whiskey | Bourbon | | No Age Statement |
| 54 | American Whiskey | Bourbon | | 12 years and under |
| 55 | American Whiskey | Bourbon | | 13 years and over |
| 56 | American Whiskey | Tennessee | | No Age Statement |
| 57 | American Whiskey | Tennessee | | 12 years and under |
| 58 | American Whiskey | Tennessee | | 13 years and over |
| 59 | American Whiskey | Rye | | No Age Statement |
| 60 | American Whiskey | Rye | | 12 years and under |
| 61 | American Whiskey | Rye | | 13 years and over |
| 62 | American Whiskey | Wheat | | |
| 63 | American Whiskey | Malt (Single Malt) | | |
| 64 | American Whiskey | Blended | | |
| 65 | American Whiskey | Other | | |
| 66 | Canadian Whisky | Single Malt | Official | No Age Statement |
| 67 | Canadian Whisky | Single Malt | Official | Age Statement |
| 68 | Canadian Whisky | Single Malt | Single Cask | |
| 69 | Canadian Whisky | Blended | | No Age Statement |
| 70 | Canadian Whisky | Blended | | Age Statement |
| 71 | World Whisky | Single Malt | | No Age Statement |
| 72 | World Whisky | Single Malt | | 12 years and under |
| 73 | World Whisky | Single Malt | | between 13 and 20 years |
| 74 | World Whisky | Single Malt | | 21 years and over |
| 75 | World Whisky | Single Malt | Single Cask | |
| 76 | World Whisky | Blended | | No Age Statement |
| 77 | World Whisky | Blended | | 15 years and under |
| 78 | World Whisky | Blended | | 16 years and over |
| 79 | Taiwanese Whisky | Single Malt | | No Age Statement |
| 80 | Taiwanese Whisky | Single Malt | | Age Statement |
| 81 | Taiwanese Whisky | Single Malt | Single Cask | |

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| 82 | Cognac | | | VS |
| 83 | Cognac | | | VSOP |
| 84 | Cognac | | | XO |
| 85 | Cognac | | | between 2 and 9 years |
| 86 | Cognac | | | between 10 and 19 years |
| 87 | Cognac | | | between 20 and 29 years |
| 88 | Cognac | | | 30 years and over |
| 89 | Armagnac | | | VS |
| 90 | Armagnac | | | VSOP |
| 91 | Armagnac | | | XO |
| 92 | Armagnac | | | between 2 and 9 years |
| 93 | Armagnac | | | between 10 and 19 years |
| 94 | Armagnac | | | between 20 and 29 years |
| 95 | Armagnac | | | 30 years and over |
| 96 | Calvados | | | |
| 97 | Brandy | Grapes | | |
| 98 | Brandy | Other fruit | | |
| 99 | Brandy | White Brandy | | |
| 100 | Rum | White | Traditional | |
| 101 | Rum | White | Agricole,etc.✳ | |
| 102 | Rum | Gold | Traditional | |
| 103 | Rum | Gold | Agricole,etc.✳ | |
| 104 | Rum | Dark•Aged | Traditional | between 3 and 8 years |
| 105 | Rum | Dark•Aged | Agricole,etc.✳ | between 3 and 8 years |
| 106 | Rum | Dark•Aged | Traditional | between 9 and 15 years |
| 107 | Rum | Dark•Aged | Agricole,etc.✳ | between 9 and 15 years |
| 108 | Rum | Dark•Aged | Traditional | 16 years and over |
| 109 | Rum | Dark•Aged | Agricole,etc.✳ | 16 years and over |
| 110 | Rum | Dark•Aged | Solera | |
| 111 | Rum | Single Cask | | |
| 112 | Rum | Flavored , Spiced | | |
| 113 | Tequila | 100%Agave | Blanco | |
| 114 | Tequila | 100%Agave | Reposado | |
| 115 | Tequila | 100%Agave | Anejo | |
| 116 | Tequila | 100%Agave | Extra Anejo | |
| 117 | Tequila | 100%Agave | Clear Anejo | |
| 118 | Tequila | | Blanco | |
| 119 | Tequila | | Reposado | |

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| 120 | Mezcal | | | |
| 121 | Other Agave Spirits | | | |
| 122 | Gin | England, Wales | | |
| 123 | Gin | Scotland | | |
| 124 | Gin | Ireland | | |
| 125 | Gin | Europe | | |
| 126 | Gin | Japanese | | |
| 127 | Gin | Asia | | |
| 128 | Gin | North, Central and South America | | |
| 129 | Gin | Oceania | | |
| 130 | Gin | Africa | | |
| 131 | Gin | Other (Old Tom , Sloe) | | |
| 132 | Vodka | Pure Vodka(Standard) | | |
| 133 | Vodka | Flavored Vodka, Colored Vodka | | |
| 134 | Other spirits | | | |

※ Notices

"Agricole, etc." refers to rum which is made from 100% sugar cane juice or Hi test molasses or brown sugar (Not including molasses).

▼ Notice

- Once the entry is completed, you cannot cancel it. Also the entry fees are not refundable.
- In principle, if the competition is cancelled due to natural disaster we cannot refund the entry fees nor return the entry items.
- If the same item is submitted by more than one applicant, the entry fee cannot be refunded. In that case, the results are announced to all applicants.
- If the entry category is unknown or the applied category considered different than the actual product, the organizer will select or reselect the category.
- For the picture of the awarded item, the photo taken by the organizer will be used.
- If the entry items are broken during the delivery. We will ask you to resend the items.

▼ Contact us

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