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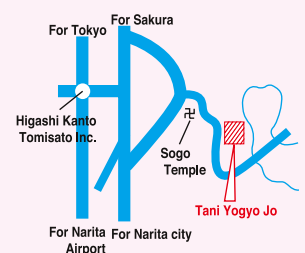
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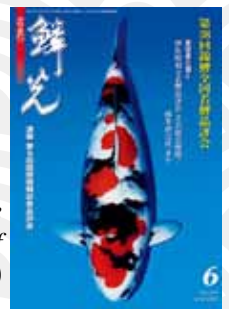
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The Grand Championship goes to Mr. Hashimoto with Isa Showa



Winners' Voice

Naoyuki Hashimoto

(Tokyo)

A living thing lover sticks to his own keeping method

—Congratulations on your winning in the 38th All Japan Young Koi Show. Where is the point you focus in the koi keeping?

Hashimoto: I've been keeping dogs since I was a child. Among other company were tropical fish, marine water fish, reptiles, raptors, and koi. Besides, my interest of these days has spread to tuber plants and succulents. They make me very busy. (laughs)

—What made you pay attention to koi?

Hashimoto: Mr. Kanayama did. A friendly relationship with him turned my attention to koi. He was a member of the Ranchu club that I belonged to.

—Is he the man who often wins higher prizes in koi shows like All Japan

Koi Show?

Hashimoto: Yes, he is. I'm sure that he is familiar to many people, particularly famous in the world of Ranchu. When I first visited his home, he showed me a koi pond holding 50ton of water. The look of the pond gave me a strong impression of its being great. To my sorrow, at that time I didn't have any lots to build a pond.



A pond set at a vacant space on the first floor of the building and safety measures taken against koi's jumping out and heavy rain falls



**38th All Japan Young Koi Show
Grand Champion / 63bu Showa Sanshoku**

—Having a piece of land particularly in a big city like Tokyo is very hard, isn't it?

Hashimoto: I almost gave it up. However, unexpectedly there was a vacancy available in the first floor of the building of my company. I thought that “This is the place where I should keep koi.”



Hashimoto is crazy about living creatures and plants

Soon after my determination I went to the nearby Tokyo Kanshogyo to see Mr. Shimizu, representing the fish shop. He introduced me Mr. Muto of Ikebukuko Nishikigoi, who had just set up business on his own. Since then I've counted on them.

—The time was close when you

**A line-up of his home-grown koi sent to
Kanto-koshinetsu Koi Show and Oedo Nishikigoi-matsuri**



**48th Kanto-koshinetsu
Satsuki Champion / 75bu A Ginrin
2019 Oedo
Miyako Sakura Champion
60bu Kinginrin**



**48th Kanto-koshinetsu
75bu Oka Prize
Tancho**



**48th Kanto-koshinetsu
Best in Variety
80bu Shusui**



**2022 Oedo
Mature Champion
55bu Showa Sanshoku**



**2022 Oedo
60bu Champion
Showa Sanshoku**



**2019 Oedo
Adult Champion
50bu Kinginrin**



**2019 Oedo
Miyako Sakura Prize
45bu Kinginrin**



**2019 Oedo
Miyako Sakura Prize
40bu Kinginrin**

started to keep koi and when you took part in competitions.

Hashimoto: You know, in the sector of Ranchu, we often enter for competitions. It's not unusual that I take an interest in koi shows.

— You say, this year marks the 6th year of your koi career. You have too many pictures of koi with glorious results to introduce all of them.

Hashimoto: Once that I determine to enter for a contest, I make every effort to approach to required levels of the Kokugyo Prize. This is the way I think. Two years after my involvement, I began to win the Kokugyo Prize.

My encounter with the Showa Sanshoku, the grand champion, happened last December. The koi had no Sumi marks at that time, so I intended to wait

and see what was happening to it, maybe for a few years as a Tategoi. However, some Sumi marks drastically appeared this last spring. I decided that it was when. This was how the entry was realized. I'm looking forward to seeing its future, because it is still two. It is young enough to make me expect much of it.

— You sent other koi of your own growing to the events of the Kanto-koshinetsu Koi Show and the Oedo Nishikigoi-matsuri, didn't you?

Hashimoto: Yes. I sent my home-grown koi to the two koi shows. My goal for this summer is the Kanto-koshinetsu Koi Show, and my hope for the future is to send home-grown koi to the All Japan Koi Show.



Automatic filtering device & filtering tank



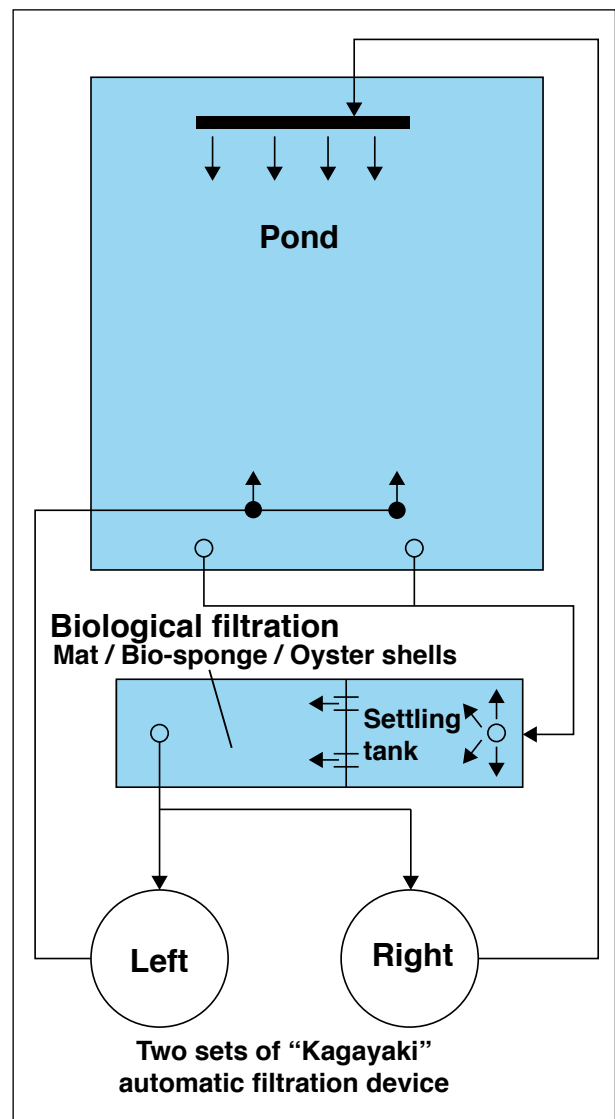
A quarantine tank

Perfect management for water lies in “regular, easy and short-term” treatment

— The sight of your pond is blocked from the street, no one will find out that here is a koi pond.

Hashimoto: Before starting pond construction, I consulted Mr. Shimizu for instruction. I built a little less than 12ton pond by making the best use of the narrow space.

— The pond has a ceiling, so there is no worry of causing sudden change in water quality by a torrential downpour. You have a boiler equipped, so there seems not to affect the stable breeding environment throughout the year.





A school of large koi led by Gosanke Marine water fish aquarium

Hashimoto: I put a priority to filtration by introducing a settling tank, a biological filtration system, two “Kagayaki” automatic filtering devices capable of a 50-ton pond. You may think the installation of as many as four filters is of over specification. But the preparation of this much can help keep koi and water in good shape even if I force the koi to eat much during the summer. And pond cleaning is set to be easy. “A regular, easy and quick” cleaning is a must.

I knew from my experience that it is very important to meet the necessities of pond equipment from the beginning.

Adding something short later is a little too late. I didn’t miss the boiler, full plumbing and drains from two different directions to prevent the pipes from clogging. I’m satisfied to have met the essentials within the limited space.

—I can see your close attention here and there.

Hashimoto: An aquarium even for marine water fish should have full equipment from the beginning. Then, fish can live long, and coral increase, too. If fish don’t die, it means that there is no need to add new fish. There is less risks of breaking down the environment. If the environment is changed



**50th All Japan
Adult Champion
55bu Kohaku**



**52nd All Japan
75bu Miyabi
Showa Sanshoku**



**38th All Japan Young
Male 58bu Kokugyo
Showa Sanshoku**



**38th All Japan Young
23bu Miyabi
Kohaku**



**52nd All Japan
35bu Botan / Hikari Utsuri
38th All Japan Young
38bu Botan / Hikari Utsuri**



**37th All Japan Young
Baby Champion
23bu A-Ginrin**

later, it will weigh a large spending on you or cause high risks of ruining the health of koi.

— The same is true of koi, isn't it?

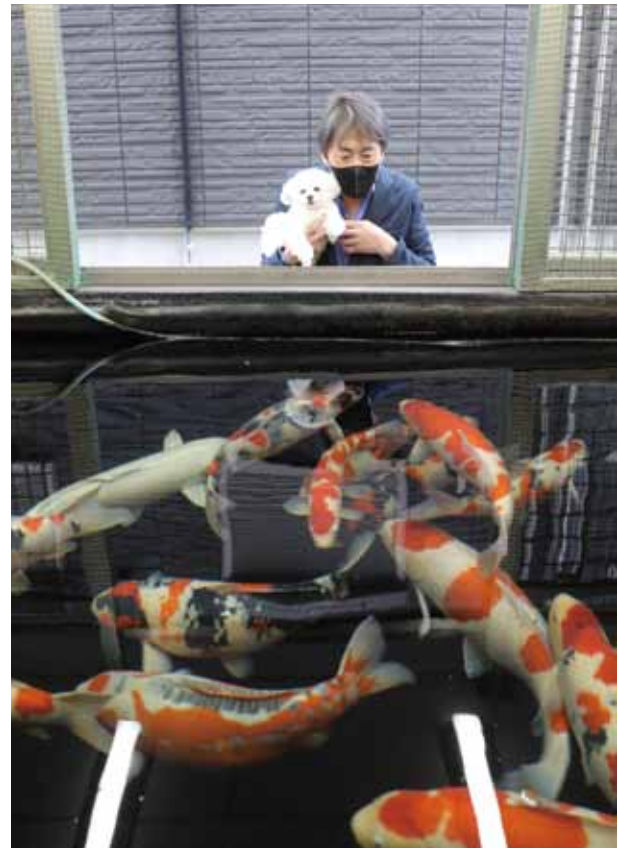
Hashimoto: Each koi has its own environment to live and to be kept. Some should swim well, some should control swimming behavior, some should live in a large pond with a sparse population, reversely with a crowded population, some in a small pond sparsely, vice versa, densely-populated.

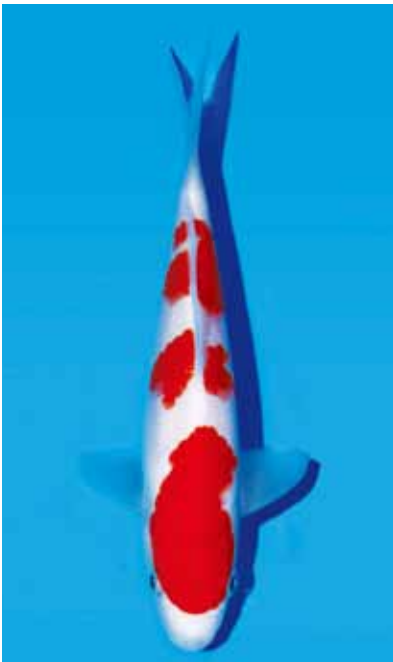
I don't mean that a large pond is good enough to keep pond environment safe. If the pond is smaller, it should have its own way of keeping.

In my case, I use a mud pond. In the pond at my house, there is a concern that the koi will not gain enough length. There is a possibility, to be sure, that the koi will perform well if they are in a sparsely-populated pond. But no one knows. In the meantime, the koi can grow in a mud pond, though they are

not expected to gain their width.

For the purpose of widening their body, I have to wait for the koi to come back to my pond from the mud pond. I can handle it here. Males need not go to

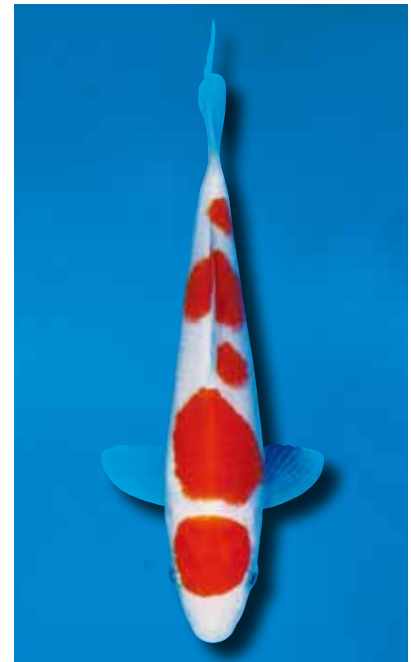




**37th All Japan Young
12bu Kokugyo
Kohaku**



**37th All Japan Young
58bu Sakura
Kujaku**



**38th All Japan Young
12bu Miyabi / Kohaku
9th International Junior
15bu Kokugyo / Kohaku**

the mud pond, because they can grow better in the spring pond here. Each of you could find the way of developing your best performance within the scope of the environment you belong to.

— You are experienced with keeping

other various living creatures. Are there some charms of koi different from other fancy fish?

Hashimoto: The koi often disappoints me because they don't live up to my expectation (laughs). Reversely,



**52nd All Japan
30bu Tsubaki / Kumonryu
9th International Junior
Best in Variety / 33bu Kumonryu**



**8th International Junior
Mini Champion
18bu Showa Sanshoku**



**8th International Junior
27bu Phoenix
A-Ginrin**

there is a case in which an ordinary koi transforms into a beautiful koi. That's what interests me very much.

—Now, the time is approaching when the koi are released to the mud pond. The pond is enlivened with large koi, and they can't wait.

Hashimoto: Yes, there are more than 30 individuals in it. I already feed them, but there is no problem with feeding, rather it makes the koi look better.

—The pond is occupied by many large koi. Have you made them grow as big as this from the stages of Tosai and the age two?

Hashimoto: At first almost all of them started with jumbo Tosai. Some of them were three, but they completely failed me (laughs).

Most of the koi that won the Kokugyo Prize or higher came to me when they were a jumbo Tosai. A few of them came to me at the age of two. I seldom buy finished koi.

Delightful of seeking a life with koi

—I have a question for you before I conclude this interview. It's about your wife. You always come to koi shows and events with her. I hear that she has a keen eye on koi.

Hashimoto: Yes, she is a koi critic. She knows everything about the koi I have.

—I also hear a story of Momotaro Kohaku which won the Adult Champion in the 50th All Japan Koi Show. She was the very person that found it, wasn't she?

Hashimoto: Yes. Things hap-

pened when I was looking at the picture of the koi. She insisted that we should go to Okayama to look at the life of the koi that worried me. We soon left for Okayama far from Tokyo. She immediately fell in love with that Kohaku then bought it.

We also go to dog shows together. She may be superior to me as far as determination, action and memory are concerned.

—You have a wide variety of living things around you, still you lavish your affection on them all. I'm very overwhelmed by your vitality.

Hashimoto: Now I feel I've reached the goal I set before. I'm wondering whether I should begin shifting the present idea of how to enjoy koi to how to raise the levels of koi.

—Your talks are full of variety, and I've enjoyed it very much. Thank you for today.



The 38th All Japan Young Koi Show

<Part 2>



Variety Division

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Miyabi Champion



58 bu Showa Sanshoku
Joan Fujimoto (America)
bred by Isa Koi Farm
handled by Niigata Nishikigoi Global

This Showa Sanshoku is bred by Isa Koi Farm. Purchased it via Kodama Koi Farm in Hawaii. 2sai at the show.

Sakura Prize



63 bu Shiro Utsuri
Yudhistira (Indonesia)
bred & handled by Omosako Koi Farm
Agency / Samurai Koi Centre

This Shiro Utsuri is the offspring of "Black Panda", bred by Omosako Koi Farm in Hiroshima. Purchased it at Omosako Online Auction on April 2021 when it was 2sai and 53cm via Samurai Koi Centre in Indonesia. Kept in the mud pond. 3sai and 63cm at the show.

Tsubaki Champion



58 bu Tancho
Sophia Xuan Tran (Vietnam)
bred by Kaneko Koi Farm
handled by Narita Koi Farm
Agency / Ruby Koi Farm

This Kujaku is bred by Kaneko Koi Farm in Niigata. Purchased it via Ruby Koi Farm. 2sai and 62cm at the show.

Botan Champion



63 bu Shusui
Alexander Romashchenko (Russia)
bred by Konishi Koi Farm
handled by M. Nakamori

This Shusui is bred by Konishi Koi Farm in Hiroshima. Purchased at Tosai on 2020. 3sai and 63cm at the show.



63 bu Taisho Sanshoku
Lo Yiu Hou (Hong Kong)
bred & handled by Sakai Fish Farm
Agency / Sanshin Trading



53 bu Taisho Sanshoku
Tomohiro Sugiura (Aichi)
bred by Kondo Koi Farm
handled by Shori



48 bu Taisho Sanshoku
Wayne Hii (Malaysia)
handled by Narita Koi Farm
Agency / AK Nishikigoi



43 bu Taisho Sanshoku
Paulino Kwok (Indonesia)
bred by Marudo Koi Farm
handled by Narita Koi Farm
Agency / Samurai Koi Centre



38 bu Kohaku
Koi Wholesale Ltd (U.K.)
bred & handled by Dainichi Koi Farm
Agency / Ornafish Japan



33 bu Kohaku
Tharika Sawaphithak (Thailand)
bred by Okayama Momotaro-Koi
handled by Odakan
Agency / Shintaka



28 bu Kohaku
Tran Thi Thanh Xuan (Vietnam)
bred by Kondo Koi Farm
handled by Narita Koi Farm
Agency / Ruby Koi Farm



23 bu Kohaku
Naoyuki Hashimoto (Tokyo)
bred by Nishikigoi Miyatake
handled by Narita Koi Farm



18 bu Kohaku
Yukio Nakagawa (Kumamoto)
bred by Kondo Koi Farm
handled by Shori
Agency / Taki Nishikigoi



15 bu Kohaku
Glenardo Yopie (Indonesia)
bred by Taniguchi Koi Farm
handled by Koi Umeda Japan
Agency / Gading Koi



12 bu Kohaku
Naoyuki Hashimoto (Tokyo)
bred by Nishiki Maruhide Koi Farm
handled by Narita Koi Farm





58 bu A-Ginrin
Foshan City Tuanhe Koi Farm (China)
bred by Okayama Momotaro-Koi
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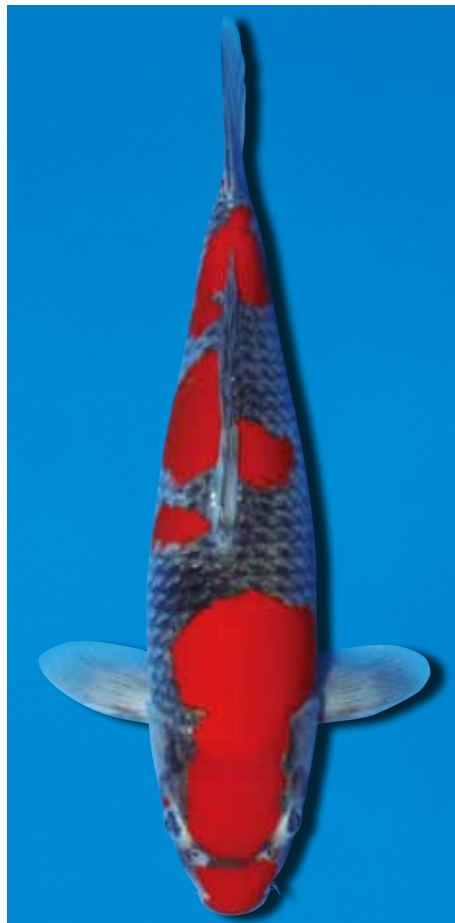
53 bu Goshiki
Keiji Shinohara (Tokushima)
bred by Kawakami Koi Farm
handled by Narita Koi Farm



48 bu Goshiki
Liu Chen (China)
bred by Kanno Koi Farm
handled by Narita Koi Farm
Agency / Nakamori Trade



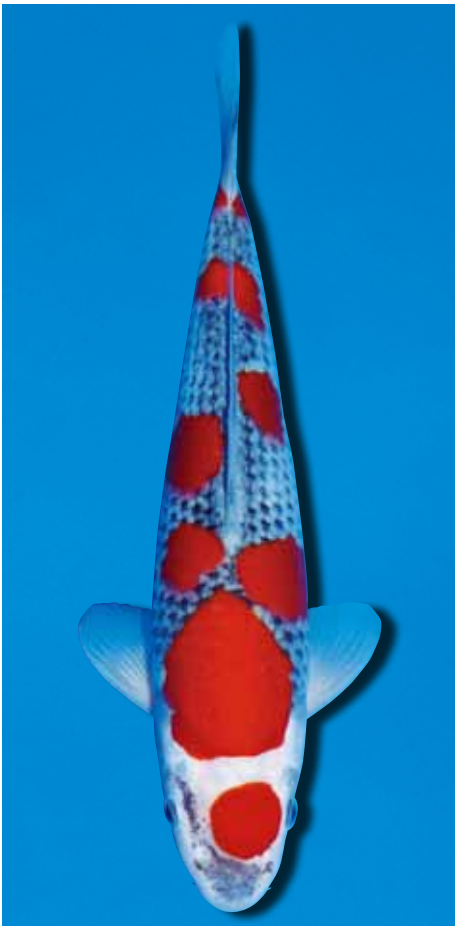
43 bu A-Ginrin
Minoru Ishikawa (Aichi)
bred by Kondo Koi Farm
handled by Shori



38 bu Goshiki
Ryan Stoddart (U.K.)
bred & handled by Kanno Koi Farm
Agency / Ornafish Japan



33 bu Goshiki
Narichika Tamai (Osaka)
bred by Kondo Koi Farm
handled by Shori



28 bu Goshiki
Narichika Tamai (Osaka)
bred by Kondo Koi Farm
handled by Shori
Agency / Kintaro Nishikigoi



23 bu Kawarigoi
Fukuko Hishiki (Chiba)
bred by Koshiji Koi Farm
handled by Narita Koi Farm



18 bu A-Ginrin
Shugo Hoshino (Tokyo)
bred by Maruyama Koi Farm
handled by Narita Koi Farm



15 bu B-Ginrin
Tsukiko Senju (Fukuoka)
bred by Okawa Nishikigoi Center
handled by Narita Koi Farm



12 bu Shiro Utsuri
Kazuhito Katayama (Hiroshima)
bred by Okawa Nishikigoi Center
handled by Nishikigoi Senmonten Shotoku





63 bu Tancho
Nitipume Pongkriangyos (Thailand)
bred & handled by Urakawa Koi Farm
Agency / Shintaka



53 bu Tancho
Roy Sutikno (Indonesia)
bred by Omosako Koi Farm
handled by Narita Koi Farm
Agency / Samurai Koi Centre



48 bu Hikarimoyo
Kokomi Hosotani (Ibaraki)
bred by Kaneko Koi Farm
handled by Bando Koi Farm



43 bu Doitsugoi
Arief Tria (Indonesia)
bred by Shinoda Koi Farm
handled by Narita Koi Farm
Agency / Samurai Koi Centre



38 bu Doitsugoi
Febrianto (Indonesia)
bred & handled by Ogata Koi Farm



33 bu Koromo
Hideki Sakaguchi (Kumamoto)
bred by Ogata Koi Farm
handled by Horikawayaya



28 bu Kumonryu
Isao Saito (Aichi)
bred by Takahashi Fish Farm
handled by Kawai Kanshogyo



23 bu Koromo
Tsukiko Senju (Fukuoka)
bred by Marushin Koi Farm
handled by Narita Koi Farm



18 bu Doitsugoi
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bred by Nishiki Maruhide Koi Farm
handled by Narita Koi Farm
Agency / Tomodachi Koi Farm



15 bu Koromo
Yasuo Nashiki (Hokkaido)
bred by Oyama Fish Farm
handled by Koi-Umeda Japan



12 bu Koromo
Kazuhiro Katayama (Hiroshima)
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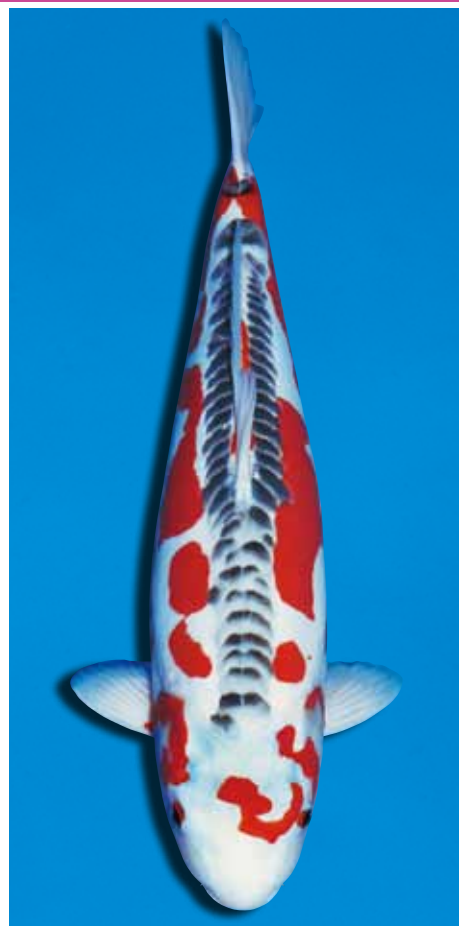




58 bu Shusui
Arie Santoso (Indonesia)
bred & handled by Konishi Koi Farm
Agency / Seiryuu Koi Carp



53 bu Shusui
Benedict Campos (Philippines)
bred by Konishi Koi Farm
handled by Uosui
Agency / Tategoi House



48 bu Shusui
Surya Chandra (Indonesia)
bred by Kawakami Koi Farm
handled by Narita Koi Farm
Agency / Samurai Koi Centre



43 bu Hikari Utsuri
Tsutomu Yokoyama (Hyogo)
handled by Ishida Nishikigoi



38 bu Hikari Utsuri
Naoyuki Hashimoto (Tokyo)
bred by Tanaka Fish Farm
handled by Narita Koi Farm



33 bu Muji
Koi Wholesale Ltd (U.K.)
bred & handled by Dainichi Koi Farm
Agency / Ornafish Japan



28 bu Hikari Utsuri
Katsuhiro Shibata (Kumamoto)
bred by Hiroi Koi Farm
handled by Taki Nishikigoi
Agency / Nishikigoi Senmonten Shotoku



23 bu Hikari Utsuri
Felix Lee (Indonesia)
bred by Kintaro Nishikigoi
handled by Narita Koi Farm
Agency / Samurai Koi Centre



18 bu Utsuri
Hiroto Ogikubo (Niigata)
bred & handled by Kintaro Nishikigoi



15 bu Bekko
Akio Fukunaga (Hiroshima)
bred & handled by Oishi Fish Farm



12 bu Hi Utsuri / Ki Utsuri
Kotaro Wakamiya (Hiroshima)
bred by Shinoda Koi Farm
handled by Nishikigoi Senmonten Shotoku



My Proud Koi

Showa Sanshoku

62.5cm / Age 2 / Female

Naoyuki Hashimoto

(Tokyo)



The koi making the cover of this month issue is Showa Sanshoku, which wins the grand championship in the 38th All Japan Young Koi Show held in Himeji City. It was bred by Isa Koi Farm in Niigata. When I bought it last year, the koi looked bare of Sumi marks. I intended to make it a promising Tategoi, but I found some Sumi marks settling on the right places in this last spring.

This result pushed me to decide participation in that koi show. It is an honor to have been awarded such a big title as this, and at the same time this has made a precious experience to me. As the koi is still two, I'd like to expect much of it.

My koi career is about 6 years. I know I still have a lot to learn. There were many other creatures around me, and even now I like to live a life with them and plants. I'm aiming at an entry for the next year's koi show with koi of my own growing. Making a plan for the summer is delightful.

Oedo Nishikigoji Festival 2022

Mr. Chuichi Yamazaki's Maruyama Kohaku wins!

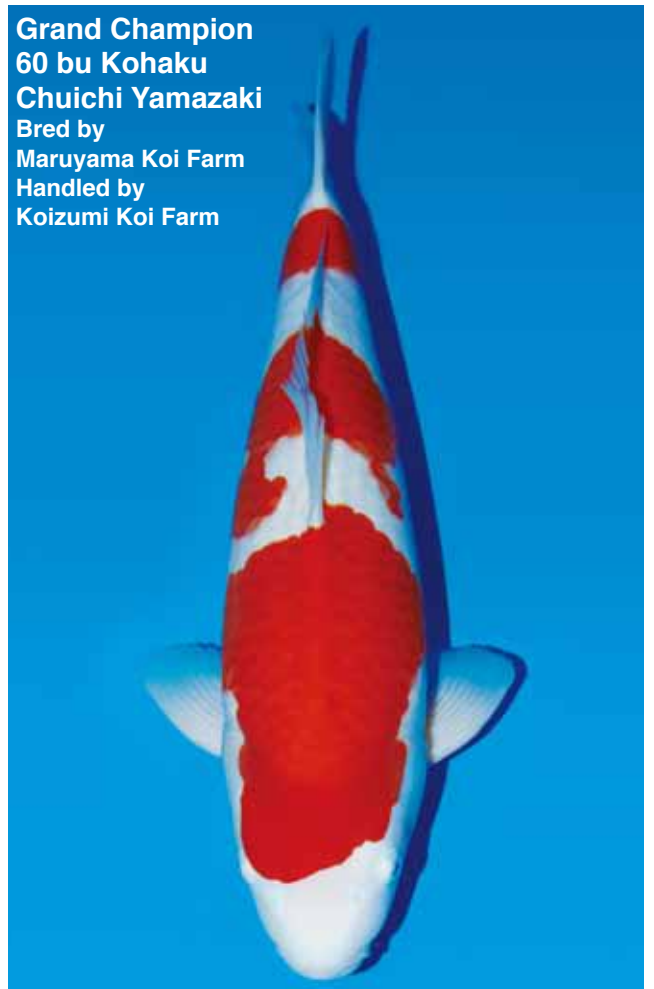


Mr. Chuichi Yamazaki (center)



Four judges / Mr. Mano, Mr. Nogami, Mr. Isa and Mr. Otsuka (from left)

Grand Champion
60 bu Kohaku
Chuichi Yamazaki
Bred by
Maruyama Koi Farm
Handled by
Koizumi Koi Farm



The long-awaited Oedo Nishikigoi Festival was held at the square in front of Tokyo Torch on the 9th and 10th of April, after two years suspension due to the pandemic. The square is located in front of the newly built koi pond in TOKYO TORCH.

Mr. Yoshikazu Otsuka of Otsuka Koi Farm, Mr. Futoshi Mano of Dainichi Koi Farm, Mr. Mitsunori Isa of Isa Koi Farm, and Mr. Hisato Nogami of Nogami Koi Farm served as judges.

A 60 bu Kohaku, exhibited by Mr. Chuichi Yamazaki, won the grand championship. The fish was bred by Maruyama Koi Farm in Yamanashi. Koizumi Koi Farm in Tokyo acted as the agent for this show. Mr. Yamazaki bought the fish at a Koizumi Koi Farm's event in spring of last year. It won at the farm's autumn show last year and won again in this show.

The second day started with free distribution of koi at 10 o'clock in the morning, followed by the award ceremony from noon and then a koi auction.



**Oedo Grand Prize
60 bu Hikarimoyo**
Bred by
Sakamaki Koi Farm
Handled by
Ikebukuro
Nishikigoi



Judges' examination scene



At the koi auction



Supporting companies' booths



The 13th Hiroshima Young Koi Show

Mr. Tadashi Nakanishi's 65 bu Kohaku wins!

The show was held at the Kure Por-topia Park on April 17, 2022 after three years' interruption.

550 excellent koi exhibited by koi enthusiasts and breeders in the Chugoku and Shikoku region delighted visitors to the venue.

Seven members of the AJNPA were invited as judges: Mr. Futoshi Mano from Niigata, Mr. Tomoyoshi Kondo and Mr. Kurbjuhn Ingo from Tokai District, Mr. Seiji Masai and Mr. Shigeyuki Tsujikawa from Kansai District, and Mr. Koichi Taki and Mr. Shohei Takatsu from Kyushu District.

Mr. Tadashi Nakanishi's 65 bu Kohaku was selected as Grand Champion. The Sakai-bred Kohaku was 2 years old and 65 cm long at the time of the show. It is an offspring of "Purple

Rain."

Mr. Kazuhiko Odawara's 65 bu Kohaku won Second Grand Champion. The 2-year-old, 65-cm long Sakai-bred is an offspring of "Purizera."

Mr. Kazuhiko Odawara's 65 bu Shiro Utsuri secured Third Grand Champion. The 3-year-old, 65-cm long Omosako-bred Shiro Utsuri is an offspring of "Patora."

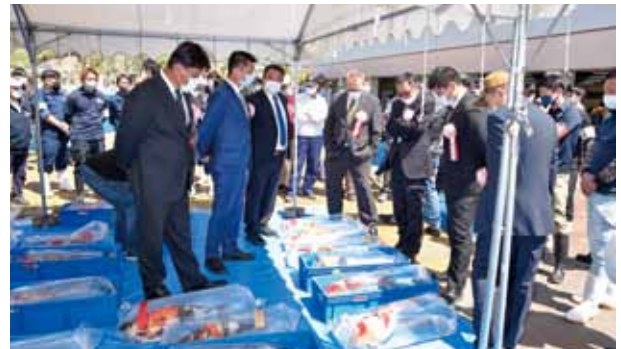
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Mr. Kentaro Sakai gives an address at the opening ceremony



The seven judges



The judges selecting three nominees for the grand champion



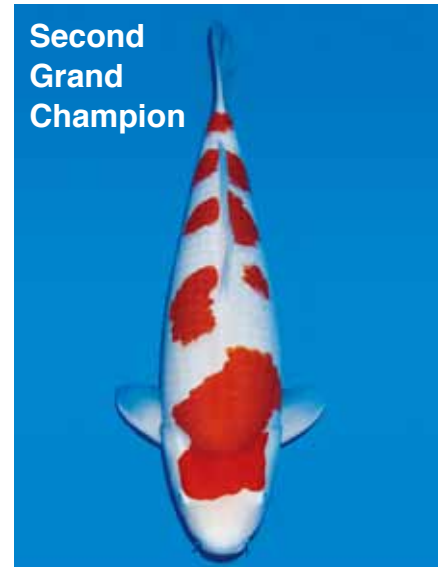
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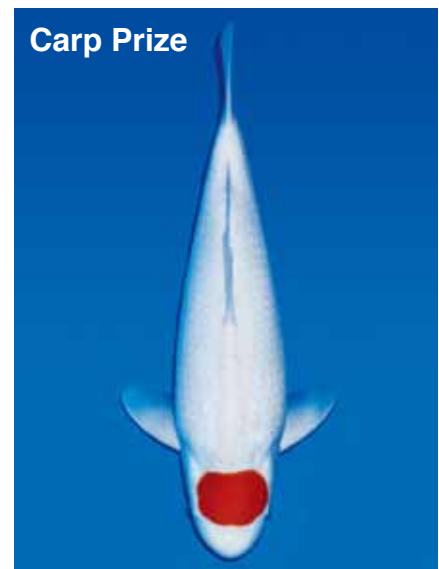
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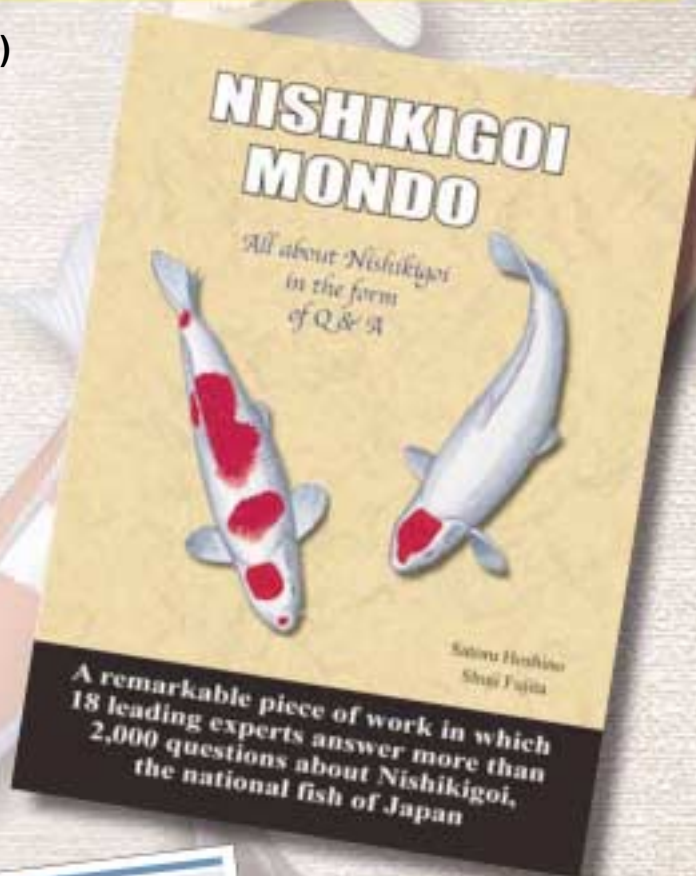
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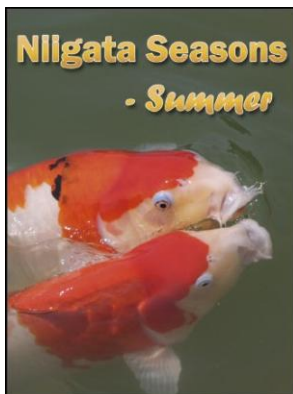
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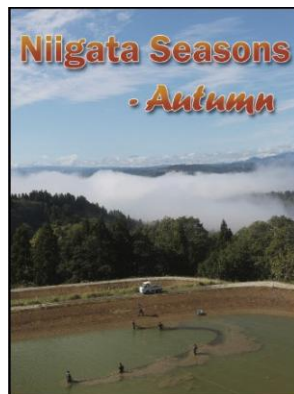
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