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Saga tipple named champion sake at London blind wine-tasting event

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LONDON — A sake from Saga Prefecture has taken top place in its category at the International Wine Challenge, the world's largest blind wine tasting.

Nabeshima Daiginjo — produced by Fukuchiyo Shuzo Co. in 2010 in Kashima — was chosen Tuesday as the best of 468 sakes entered by 206 breweries at the competition, the largest outside Japan.

"All I can say is we are honored. We appreciate this opportunity to convey to the world the charms of sake," said Fukuchiyo



Top tipple: Fukuchiyo Shuzo Co. President Naoki Imori and his wife, Rie, face the media Tuesday after the Saga Prefecture brewer won the sake category at the International Wine Challenge in London. KYODO PHOTO

Shuzo President Naoki Imori, 48. "We'd like to pass methods for producing Nabeshima onto future generations."

"Daiginjo" means quality sake brewed from the finest rice.

The sake category was added to the wine tasting event in 2007 in response to a surge of interest in Japanese food. Twenty-five sake and wine experts served as judges.

Nabeshima drew comments such as "soft with a sweet, fruity aroma" and "on the palate the flavors are dry, earthy and nutty with hints of fresh stone fruits."

Six other sake products were also awarded trophies.

They include Tengumai Yamahaishikomi Junmaishu made in 2009 by Shata Shuzo Co. in Ishikawa Prefecture. "Junmaishu" is pure sake made without added alcohol or sugar.



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London, Sept. 6 (Jiji Press)--Fukuchiyo Shuzo Co.'s Nabeshima Daiginjo brand in Saga Prefecture, southwestern Japan, claimed top honors in the sake division at the **International Wine Challenge** held here on Tuesday.

The **International Wine Challenge**, one of the largest wine competitions in the world, started the sake division in 2007, which now has become the biggest sake contest outside Japan.

A record 206 sake producers entered this year's race with a total of 468 brands. Some 20 sake and wine experts reviewed them.

The judges said Nabeshima Daiginjo has a fruity aroma with a dry and earthy touch on the palate.

Naoki Iimori, president and master brewer of Fukuchiyo Shuzo, said he wants to thank everybody who supports its sake for bringing it to the highest rank in the world.

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Elpida sues Taiwan's Nanya for infringing microchip patents

TOKYO - Japan's Elpida Memory Inc. said it has filed a lawsuit with a U.S. court to seek an undisclosed amount of damages from Taiwan's Nanya Technology Corp. and its U.S. subsidiary, saying the Taiwan company's microchips infringe four Elpida technology patents on structure and circuit designs for dynamic random access memories.

NTT Communications to provide cyber attack analysis tool in Europe, Asia

TOKYO - NTT Communications Corp., a provider of broadband Internet communications services worldwide, said it will expand its traffic analysis for attempts to disrupt network services, called distributed denial-of-service attacks, to cover Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Australia, France, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, with applications for the service to be accepted from Sept. 15.

Digital Hollywood joins hands with Shanghai Conservatory of Music

TOKYO - Digital Hollywood University in Tokyo, run by Digital Hollywood Co. of Japan, said it has joined hands with the Shanghai Conservatory of Music to set up at the Chinese institute a digital media arts school scheduled to start offering courses this month.

Teijin Chemicals to sell low-cost resin for radiation detectors

TOKYO - Teijin Chemicals Ltd. said it will start selling in late September a low-cost polyester resin that outperforms conventional peer products in luminosity and other properties but could reduce the cost of sensor components for radiation detectors to less than 10 percent.

Japanese sake brewer Fukuchiyo Shuzo a winner at London wine competition

LONDON - Japanese brewer Fukuchiyo Shuzo Co. won Tuesday the championship in the sake category at the **International Wine Challenge**, the world's largest blind wine tasting, in London, with its Nabeshima Daiginjo, a label chosen by a jury of 25 experts as the best among 468 entries by 206 breweries.

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