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# Interview with Mr. Teruya Yoshida, representing Shadai Farm, Japan's Leading Breeder of 2009

Interviewed by JAIR

## Mr. Teruya Yoshida's Profile

Born in 1947, and joined the Shadai Farm in 1970. He is now the representative of the Shadai Farm, the vice-chairman of Japan Racing Horse Association (JRHA), the board member of the Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association (JBBA).

## Returning to the top after six years

Honestly, I'm very happy to be back as the top breeder. In order to do this, I had to beat my main rival, Northern Farm owned by my brother. Shadai has really had to work very hard to beat them. However, having said that, I must add that most of the G1 races were won by Northern Farm. We had many horses run in JRA races and our number of wins was very high. A high number of runners, with wins spread across the board, not just from several specific horses, does tend to show that our farm has begun to show a wider versatility in the runners we breed.

## Reviewing everything to get an edge

While we were losing to Northern Farm, the people working closely with horses at our farm felt something missing. We considered how to make horses stronger and how to maximize their abilities to improve their racing performance. Obviously, the life of a racehorse starts when an embryo in their mother. We thought about what should we do from that point until we pass them on to the trainers. So we decided to review "everything." We reviewed not only the procedures we were currently doing, but also all possibilities and ideas of what we could further do.

An example of the new thoughts we implemented was the hiring of a nutritionist from the U.S.A. who was an expert on horse feed, to come to Japan four times a year. He checked on all horses – the pregnant mares, the yearlings, 2-year-olds – and gave us invaluable advice. Looking back, a lot of things in our operation are now different than before. We are now much more careful about how to keep our horses' conditions at their peak. This is not just whether they are thin or heavy,

or how much calories we are giving them. We try to match a feeding program with the horse. For example, although we previously gave oats as main feeding, we now mix beet pulp and oil with them. Considering the individual horses' disposition, we shouldn't give much oat to horses which are unruly and often lose their temper. Additionally, based on our nutritionist's advice, we began adding certain trace-elements and compounded special feed for our horses.

We also studied how much of an exercise load we should impose on our horses from the beginning of training in the fall of a 1-year-old, through the spring of their 2-year-old season. Previously we trained our horses to make them debut in June when the Japanese 2-year-old racing season begins. Now, we are training 2-year-olds so that they are conditioned to fit for racing in March, as all things do not always proceed according to schedule. If there are problems that come up during the course of training, three months is enough time to recuperate. In January and February, when it is less than 20 degrees below zero at the coldest, we sprinkle salt on our training courses to de-ice them, and our 2-year-olds are trained at a pace of 15 seconds per furlong. This has greatly helped the development of horses. They will have streamlined body with more muscle, less fat. We now regret that we had waited so long to implement this method of training, since breeders all over the world have already started doing it. We are planning to train our 300 to 400 2-year-olds by March with the above-mentioned way. Racehorses make their debut not only in June or July, as 2-year-olds, but around this time as 3-year-olds the following year (Note: this interview was held on March 6th) and obviously, all horses can't perform well. Some horses don't need to be hurried to make their debuts, depending on bloodlines. We normally build up our horses physically so that they will be able to race within two weeks after we pass

them to the trainers. That is why our 2-year-olds are able to achieve excellent results in their first outing. Many of them are placed even when they cannot win. I really feel that these results are the fruit of our efforts on our farm. When they return from the racecourse for a rest, we always take complete care of them. For example, if we find a horse with uneasy or swollen fetlock, we inspect him, using sonography, etc., and we only resume training after making sure he is completely recovered from illness. This includes changing the feed for horses who are a little short tempered and can't show their true ability in the races. We have a lot of know-how that can't be easily explained on producing strong horses at Shadai Farm.

## A great sire Sunday Silence and his dutiful progeny

Of course, having good sires is ever so important. It goes without saying that those who have great sires and good mares will get good results anywhere in the world. For us in the Shadai family, we have been fortunate to have a number of excellent breeding stock, including those at my brother's farm. We have endeavored to look for good stallions for the past 30 years. From the days of Northern Dancer and Mr. Prospector, we have made a concentrated effort to get such sires and take them to Japan. Introduction of Sunday Silence has made a tremendous change to breeding in Japan. While Sunday Silence was raised in the U.S.A. and was an exceptional dirt horse, his progeny can perform well in turf races and long-distance races, and they are not matured extremely early or very late either, as many of them have contended in the classic races. And his progeny also can still be active even at the age of seven or eight. Although he did adjust well to the Japanese environment, even if he had stayed in the U.S.A., he would have been a leading sire there.

Another good point about Sunday Silence is that his sons have also become good sires: Red Desire, a daughter of Manhattan Cafe, won the Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 (G2) in Dubai on March 4, and Sun Classique, a daughter of Fuji Kiseki born in Australia and trained in South Africa, won the Dubai Sheema Classic in 2008 (2400m, G1), and also Natagora (born and trained in France) sired by Divine Light won the 1000 Guineas Stakes in the U.K. We can now say we have reached the level where we can safely send Japanese horses to the U.S.A. and Europe with confidence. We grew up dreaming to import foreign sires, however, now we can breed domestic sires and stand them as studs in Japan. I am aiming to compete with breeders from all over the world on an equal basis. This year, first crops of Deep Impact and Hearts Cry will make their debuts and I think that they add to an already wide variety of stallions sired by Sunday Silence.

## Raising the skills of everyone involved in horseracing

People not only at our Shadai Farm, but also in the stables seem to have improved so much. They measure the ability of horses and give training suitable to each horse for appropriate races. Consequently, the horses are gradually showing their ability to run, and also, more and more horses are performing for a longer period of time without injury. Talking with our staffs, I feel they have been able to discuss in depth, such racing-related matters as how to handle the horses, which races to enter, how a jockey should ride and so on. I know these points are nothing special. However, we can't overlook what we are doing or discuss these things without an awareness of the issues. In that sense, I think Japanese horsemen, including trainers, assistant trainers and grooms are equivalent in the way of thinking to that of top trainers in foreign countries. Looking back when I was a child, I think it took 30, 40 years for the people involved in Japanese horseracing to attain to the same level as their peers on a global level. It is very nice for everyone to compete with each other to improve the horseracing industries. Experiences of keen competition in Japan will lead to the development of the horse's ability to equally compete in overseas races. Of course we are also inspired by horseracing overseas. For example, top jockeys coming to Japan such as Christophe Lemaire, Olivier Peslier, and Mirco Demuro have notably contributed to the improvement of Japanese jockeys' skills. I now feel that there are many racehorses who can change their racing styles depending on the pace of the race or the jockey's skills recently. I also feel that we learn this directly by seeing the performances of these skillful foreign jockeys in Japan. Japanese jockeys now change their riding tactics, judging the situation of the race. They don't ride in the same way any more. We need to continually attempt to improve the entirety of horseracing in Japan because we don't want our Japanese horses to be evaluated as not good even though our prize money is at the top level in the world. The underestimate is extremely depressing for us, as we are making every possible effort. We, including people involved in horseracing such as jockeys, trainers and other staff, definitely must commit to raise our skills as well as the horses.





a target race or track condition are appropriate for our horses, when is the best season for our horses to run, etc. We can't win without thinking of all these things practically, so we need to keep on studying and, as a result of the long-range plan for our horses, someday I wish to win the big race in a foreign country.

These days it is very difficult to attract a lot of fans by promoting a local champion in Japan. Thoroughbred racing is an international sport and the fans want to see top-level foreign horses to compete against our best horses. When that happens, we should make an atmosphere where all Japanese fans unite to cheer for our horses, like we do for the Olympic games. We must impress people with our quality of horseracing to gain their support for the sport, so that they can cheer on our horses from the heart, as fans have a more increasingly experienced eye recently.

## Thinking what to do for victory

As many people know, my grandfather went to buy stallions for the first time in the U.S.A. around 1937 and then took some stallions to Japan from the U.S.A. and Europe. At that time, he had little money and could only buy cheap stallions, although they were not very good. It was the very start of our family business and we have been carrying on since then. We have dreamed of breeding a horse in Japan that could win an international G1 race. I'm happy and satisfied that we are now standing at the point where our dream has been more likely to come true.

The policy of my business, is simply "to think what we must do for victory," because our business is a game we cannot afford to lose. We have already been close enough to attain our desires, which had been far away, but now is right in front of us. I think we should now focus on studying much more on a variety of topics for the future: whether the distance of

## Letting staff enjoy working everyday

Support by the staff on our farm is essential for our business. Ideally, I hope that they feel satisfied with their life and enjoy working everyday here. The most important factor is that our horses perform well at the racecourse. This affects everything we do on our farm. They don't slack off in routine work; not missing anything like a swelled leg, finding a little trouble, placing a saddle correctly, etc. For example, when we train horses which hate to enter the starting gate, we must consider how we should train such horses and practice with the patience not to injure them, and how we should treat horses when we wash them in water, as they will sometimes become frightened or unruly, and how we should keep horses calm when we load them into a horse van. Everything starts from the scrupulous care of horses.

Our business needs our staff's considerations and concerns.



They need to do what they are assigned to do properly and their constant efforts lead to success. This will make a great influence on the whole. So I am fully supporting them, such as building employees' house, serving delicious meals at our dining room, and providing them with a 65-inch TV for watching races (smile). I really don't want them to feel like leaving this farm (laugh). I really appreciate many young people coming to this farm, which is far away from the city and in the cold weather of Hokkaido. They work so hard riding horses both in the morning and afternoon. So we feel special when our horse comes out on top. When Red Desire won in Dubai, all of the staff was excited. I am always concerned about whether our staff enjoys working here or not. I am sensitive to their mood, and am wondering whether they are considering to quit or not. We know what they are thinking by looking at their faces, don't we? I often tell newcomers some jokes like, "Are you feeling like going home?" or, "Have you gotten sick of this farm?" If they immediately answer like "No, not really. I'm trying..." I really feel happy.

## Understanding horses

It is impossible for everyone to be successful in the horseracing industry because we are in competition, however, many young people have worked and studied so hard to learn about horses and many other people have continued to improve their knowledge. In general, when the situation of Japanese breeding industry is bad and horses are not in much demand, some farms are not able to keep up with the competition and other farms are able to seize a chance to succeed. This is true with horseracing itself.

When breeders want their mares to be mated with our stallions, they can choose their favorite stallion from the list according to the fee, as we set our stud fee properly. There are many good stallions with a stud fee of 300,000 or

500,000 yen, so even if they don't have enough budget to mate their mares with stallions of a 6 or 9 million yen stud fee, I am sure that one of the same caliber will be available for them. Hardworking breeders who understand the quality of their broodmares, study the successful bloodlines, and do feeding control, have grown horses with good racing performance and have attracted considerable attention by buyers. Without a doubt, good breeders attract a lot of buyers and customers. Many buyers are looking for horses at a reasonable price very seriously, so they don't miss out on good horses.

As an owner of a farm and racehorses myself, it is fairly easy to differentiate a successful farm. They are operated by people who breed and also own their horses as registered owners. Doing so, he or she, can easily find out what kind of horses the customer will buy or not. Hopeless are the farm owner who are wondering, "Why are my horses not selling?" without any effort of improvement. Times have already changed. This is the same anywhere in the racing world. It is not easy to live in the horseracing industry.

But in total, many people are working earnestly. I do think that the number of broodmares and foals may decrease, but the quality of horses can be retained. However, the selection of horses will be much severer to inherit excellent abilities and to eliminate bad ones. I won't say that small farms are not good, and large farms are good. Those who understand horses can survive in this industry and it makes horses faster and stronger. Nobody wants to lose, indeed.



## 2003~2009 JRA Leading Breeders (by Total Money Won)

Year		Breeder	Runners	Starts	Winners	Wins	Total (Yen)
2009	1	<b>Shadai Farm</b>	669	3,136	256	355	7,603,193,000
	2	Northern Farm	641	2,943	222	301	7,341,529,000
2008	1	Northern Farm	617	2,805	222	310	7,574,921,000
	2	Shadai Farm	625	2,973	234	337	7,435,567,000
2007	1	Northern Farm	571	2,640	204	276	7,335,911,000
	2	Shadai Farm	551	2,560	221	314	6,984,354,000
2006	1	Northern Farm	508	2,630	221	318	8,398,351,000
	2	Shadai Farm	531	2,683	211	295	6,651,573,000
2005	1	Northern Farm	497	2,294	224	327	8,027,857,000
	2	Shadai Farm	464	2,277	193	263	5,584,013,000
2004	1	Northern Farm	448	2,113	201	292	6,473,338,000
	2	Shadai Farm	415	1,936	149	209	5,247,194,000
2003	1	<b>Shadai Farm</b>	378	1,851	139	195	4,818,512,000
	2	Northern Farm	378	1,937	155	227	4,800,824,000

## 2005~2009 JRA Leading Sire (by Total Money Won)

Year	Stallion	Runners	Starts	Winners	Wins	Total (Yen)
2009	Manhattan Cafe*	261	1,122	79	117	2,556,824,000
2008	Agnes Tachyon*	276	1,226	91	129	3,350,733,000
2007	Sunday Silence	249	1,316	73	97	3,777,640,000
2006	Sunday Silence	361	2,109	159	228	7,686,842,000
2005	Sunday Silence	468	2,430	199	293	9,220,044,000

\*Sire: Sunday Silence

# Outlook for the JRA G1 Races in the Spring Season

By Takao Suda

This spring Japanese horseracing fans will focus on two 3-year-old colts' fighting for titles in the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2,000 Guineas) (G1) and the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) (G1).

One is the champion 2-year-old colt, Rose Kingdom, which kicked off the spring season with a respectable third-place finish in the Fuji TV Sho Spring Stakes (G2).

The other is Victoire Pisa, which ran to his fourth-straight victory in the Hocht Hai Yayoi Sho (G2).

Actually, these two colts have already faced off against each other



**Rose Kingdom**  
The champion 2-year-old colt in 2009, the winner of the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes in 2009



**Victoire Pisa**  
The winner of the Hocht Hai Yayoi Sho (G2) in 2010

once in their Newcomer race. Rose Kingdom won that race over Victoire Pisa by 3/4 lengths, but there has been little difference between them from what we have seen in subsequent races. The rematch of the rivals for the Satsuki Sho title will certainly bring excitement to the audience at Nakayama Race-

course.

Obviously there are other 3-year-old colts and fillies that have a chance in the Satsuki Sho and the Japanese Derby. Especially in the Satsuki Sho, a horse's "potential" is not the only barometer in determining the winner, but those that can adjust quickly and handily to the track have fared well in the past.

The first challenger that could turn the tables is Hansode Bando. He is able to run near the front of the pack in any race, and may be in line for the victory if the race favors the front-runners.

Eishin Apollon, who ran second to Rose Kingdom in the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes and runnerup to Victoire Pisa in the Hocht Hai Yayoi Sho, will have to show the very best of his form to beat the two colts, but is a steady runner who finds a way to finish near the top.

Also, Eishin Flash should not be overlooked, as he won the Keisei Hai (G3) over 2,000 meters at Nakayama – the same conditions as the Satsuki Sho.



**Apapane**  
The champion 2-year-old filly in 2009, the winner of the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies in 2009

Races for 3-year-old fillies should mainly feature the 2-year-old champion filly, Apapane.

Apapane ran second in her first appearance this year, the Tulip Sho (G3), one of the prep races for the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) (G1). This was not a bad showing and on that basis, she will be the favorite in the Oka Sho. However,

Apapane's dam, Salty Bid, was dominant in short distance races, so this gives concerns for Apapane in the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) (G1), which is run over 2,400 meters.

Both Shoryu Moon, winner of the Tulip Sho, and Sound

Barrier, which won the Hocht Hai Fillies' Revue (G2), are generally stretch runners, so whether they will be a factor in the Oka Sho depends on how the race develops. Sound Barrier's bloodline suggests she is best around one mile, so her hopes will be high for the Oka Sho. The bloodline of Shoryu Moon's dam, with great stamina, would appear to make her position better in the Oaks.

Another horse worth mentioning is Apricot Fizz. She is a niece of Manhattan Cafe, the winner of the 2001 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger), and her father is the winner of the 2001 Japanese Derby, Jungle Pocket. She has already won the Daily Hai Queen Cup (G3) over 1,600 meters, but she is thought to be more of a factor for the Oaks than the Oka Sho.

Additionally, 3-year-old colts and fillies can also take the alternative route of "mile-distance" races, including the NHK Mile Cup (G1), or even select a series of dirt races from the Unicorn Stakes (G3) to the Japan Dirt Derby.

Most colts and fillies in Japan initially aim for the Classic races, and when they are confronted with limitations in running long distances or on turf tracks, some of them may change their target to the short-distance or dirt-surface races.

Therefore, it is difficult at this time to list the favorites for the NHK Mile Cup, but I can pick up contenders for the dirt circuit simply because some horses have set their targets to dirt races from the very beginning.

Solitary King is one of the promising dirt horses. He is a half-brother of Vermilion, a top horse in dirt racing. He made his debut on dirt, so he has been received a popular welcome by the fans and also with their high expectations.

Birdie Birdie won the Hyacinth Stakes beating Solitary King. These two colts are now playing a main role in the 3-year-old dirt-racing scene in JRA.



**Logi Universe**  
The champion 3-year-old colt in 2009, the winner of the Japanese Derby in 2009

When looking at colts and horses 4-years-old and up, Classic title holders are expected to come back to the glorious stages again.

Last year's Japanese Derby winner, Logi Universe, returned to the turf in the Nikkei Sho (G2). After the Derby, he couldn't run in the fall campaign because of leg problems, but now expect him to be ready for the Tenno Sho (Spring)

(G1) and then the Takarazuka Kinen (G1).

5-year-old Oken Bruce Lee, which won the Kikuka Sho in 2008, seems like he will not be able to run in his favorite long-distance race, the Tenno Sho (Spring), because of delay in his recovery. He is scheduled to run in the Takarazuka Kinen without a prep race under his belt.

Of course we have to talk about Dream Journey (6-year-old), who won the Takarazuka Kinen (G1) and the Arima Kinen (the Grand



**Oken Bruce Lee**  
The winner of the Kikuka Sho in 2008

Prix) (G1) last year. This spring, he made his return in the Kyoto Kinen (G2) (3rd). If he continues to be trained satisfactorily, he should be available for the Tenno Sho (Spring) and then the Takarazuka Kinen.

We do have one more horse to mention at this point and that is 4-year-old colt Forgettable, who has not won a G1 race yet. However, expectations are big for Forgettable, who was purchased for 245 million yen at the Select Sale held by the Japan Racing Horse Association in 2007 and has great bloodlines. His dam, Air Groove won the Tenno Sho (Autumn) in 1997. His potential was first seen last autumn with a second place in the Kikuka Sho. He is expected to be one of the favorites in the Tenno Sho (Spring).



**Forgettable**  
The winner of the Sports Nippon Sho Stayers Stakes (G2) in 2009

in the Dubai Sheema Classic (G1), and Red Desire, 11th place in the Dubai World Cup (G1), are prominent among other mares by a wide difference.

Buena Vista has now gained additional stability after changing her strategy to front-running and Red Desire showed her high adaptability running on the Tapeta track for the first time in the Al Maktoum Chal-



**Buena Vista**  
The champion 3-year-old fillily in 2009, the winner of the Oka Sho and the Yushun Himba (photo) in 2009

lenge Round 3 (G2). These two horses are expected to aim for the Takarazuka Kinen in June following their return to Japan and it is quite possible for them to come from behind and beat the boys.

The one-mile G1 race for fillies and mares in the spring, the Victoria Mile (G1), seems to be more of anyone's race because the above two fillies will probably not run



**Dream Journey**  
The champion older colt or horse in 2009, the winner of the Takarazuka Kinen (G1) and the Arima Kinen (G1) (photo) in 2009



**Red Desire**  
The winner of the Shuka Sho(G1) in 2009

and moreover, Vodka – winner in 2009 and runnerup in 2008 – has retired this year.

If I were to choose only one candidate to win, it would be Hikaru Amaranthus. She won the Kyoto Himba Stakes (G3) with a strong stretch run. She will be running one race in April, which may be the Sankei Sports Hai Hanshin Himba Stakes (G2). Other fillies and mares topping the list for that race will also have a chance of winning the Victoria Mile.

The competitive landscape is also chaotic among milers in the older horses, whose main target will be the Yasuda Kinen (G1). Captain Thule, the Satsuki Sho winner in 2008, Super Hornet, who ran 5th in the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Mile (G1) in 2008, and Red Spada, who won the Tokyo Shimbun Hai (G3), are regarded as candidates to win the race. However, I can't clearly see which horses should be favored as of now.

Two horses stand out in the dirt race category for 4-years-old and up. Vermilion, which has not shown any weakening, won the Kawasaki Kinen in January at the age of eight. Espoir City has won four consecutive G1 races. Vermilion will make the Teio Sho his next target, and Espoir City will run in the Kashiwa Kinen before challenging Vermilion in the Teio Sho. Currently, Espoir City seems to have more momentum, but the Teio Sho will be his first try at 2000 meters. We should pay attention to whether Espoir City can overcome the extended 200 meters.

Success Brocken and Testa Matta from JRA and Furioso from NAR follow the top two, although there seems to be a wide gap in between them.

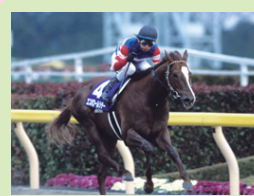
Some attention should be given to the new star, Fusaichi Seven, who is quite remarkable. He won the Diolite Kinen by a larger margin for his first graded race win. I think he will show some outstanding performance in the future.

(Note: As of March 29, 2010)

\* Connections of Buena Vista and Red Desire have announced their intentions to run in the Victoria Mile, depending on the horses' conditions.



**Vermilion**  
The champion dirt horse in 2007, the winner of the February Stakes(G1) in 2008



**Espoir City**  
The champion dirt horse in 2009, the winner of the February Stakes(G1) in 2010

## 2009 JRA Leading Jockeys

	Jockey	Number of Wins	Number of 2nd Place	Number of Races	Win Ratio	Top 2 Ratio	Total Wins
1	Hiroyuki Uchida	146	103	975	0.150	0.255	398
2	Yutaka Take	140	106	768	0.182	0.320	3308
3	Yasunari Iwata	109	106	896	0.122	0.240	622
4	Shinji Fujita	108	92	758	0.142	0.264	1635
5	Norihiro Yokoyama	106	97	723	0.147	0.281	2041
6	Eiji Nakadate	104	86	884	0.118	0.215	1589
7	Masayoshi Ebina	101	85	779	0.130	0.239	1777
8	Masami Matsuoka	98	82	844	0.116	0.213	369
9	Yuichi Fukunaga	93	82	825	0.113	0.212	1101
10	Hiroshi Kitamura	87	77	828	0.105	0.198	654
11	Katsumi Ando	87	61	414	0.210	0.357	995
12	Kosei Miura	78	80	858	0.091	0.184	169
13	Futoshi Komaki	75	68	815	0.092	0.175	455
14	Hiroki Goto	74	87	839	0.088	0.192	1192
15	Ryuji Wada	70	73	894	0.078	0.160	595
16	Yusuke Fujioka	67	68	741	0.090	0.182	347
17	Yuga Kawada	65	62	712	0.091	0.178	310
18	Katsuharu Tanaka	65	61	753	0.086	0.167	1397
19	Hirofumi Shii	54	32	434	0.124	0.198	1225
20	Hideaki Miyuki	52	69	968	0.054	0.125	782

\*Note: The above "Total Wins" means how many times a jockey, who is licensed to ride by JRA, has won in JRA races.

## 2009 JRA Leading Trainers

	Trainer	Number of Wins	Number of 2nd Place	Number of Races	Win Ratio	Top 2 Ratio	Total Wins
1	Kazuo Fujisawa	56	43	339	0.165	0.292	1015
2	Yoshito Yahagi	47	35	463	0.102	0.177	153
3	Hidetaka Otonashi	45	30	320	0.141	0.234	412
4	Katsuhiko Sumii	45	29	284	0.158	0.261	259
5	Yasuro Ikee	44	31	331	0.133	0.227	796
6	Yasutoshi Ikee	40	30	257	0.156	0.272	187
7	Takayuki Yasuda	39	38	277	0.141	0.278	375
8	Takashi Kubota	38	28	252	0.151	0.262	169
9	Kazuya Nakatake	37	29	331	0.112	0.199	223
10	Hiroyoshi Matsuda	36	35	276	0.130	0.257	558
11	Hideaki Fujiwara	36	32	241	0.149	0.282	250
12	Masato Nishizono	35	34	310	0.113	0.223	244
13	Yukihiko Kato	35	20	292	0.120	0.188	227
14	Kojiro Hashiguchi	34	36	299	0.114	0.234	815
15	Sei Ishizaka	34	20	237	0.143	0.228	322
16	Mitsuhiro Ogata	33	13	266	0.124	0.173	638
17	Yoshitaka Ninomiya	32	31	302	0.106	0.209	486
18	Yoshitada Munakata	32	28	289	0.111	0.208	373
19	Kazuhiro Seishi	32	24	222	0.144	0.252	195
20	Masazo Ryoke	31	26	269	0.115	0.212	687

## 2009 Japan Leading Sire Ranking (TOP20/Flat Racing Only) by Total Money Won

No.	Stallion	Runners	Starts	Winners	Wins	Total (JPY)
1	Manhattan Cafe	320	2,154	141	266	2,602,597,000
2	Agnes Tachyon	329	1,709	128	232	2,444,175,000
3	Symboli Kris S (USA)	305	1,889	134	228	2,387,058,000
4	Dance in the Dark	389	2,918	144	259	2,347,265,000
5	Kurofune (USA)	355	2,371	164	264	2,239,767,000
6	Fuji Kiseki	326	2,156	132	232	2,232,538,000
7	Special Week	335	2,323	141	236	2,220,337,000
8	King Kamehameha	245	1,317	117	176	1,813,807,000
9	Brian's Time (USA)	232	1,609	99	170	1,749,483,000
10	Sakura Bakushin O	310	2,111	122	228	1,701,328,000
11	Gold Allure	199	1,423	101	182	1,655,797,000
12	Stay Gold	235	2,407	113	222	1,646,371,000
13	Tanino Gimlet	214	1,802	91	167	1,580,417,000
14	Neo Universe	220	1,273	83	137	1,470,544,000
15	French Deputy (USA)	239	1,529	100	162	1,450,434,000
16	Afleet (CAN)	215	1,806	116	226	1,372,933,000
17	Taiki Shuttle (USA)	263	1,871	118	209	1,370,470,000
18	Jungle Pocket	222	1,479	86	156	1,358,772,000
19	Marvelous Sunday	267	2,336	130	244	1,232,569,000
20	Grass Wonder (USA)	249	1,899	93	193	1,231,675,000

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## JRA GENERAL STATISTICS 2009

Racecourses	9
Racing days	288
Races	3,453
2-Y-O flat	541
3-Y-O & up flat	2,778
Jump race	134
Overall runners	50,317
Different Horses Having Run	10,982
Prize money	81,444,900,000
Added	68,327,230,000
Stakes Money	856,250,000
Distance Bonus	1,253,290,000
Home-bred Thoroughbred Bonus	4,147,010,000
Consolation Prize	6,861,120,000
Attendance on course	7,316,360
Subscribers of telephone betting	3,119,934
ARS	38,577
*A-PAT (*A-PAT includes internet betting and telephone betting)	3,081,357
Turnover	¥ 2,590,073,500,000
on course	¥ 122,141,184,500
off course (including telephone betting)	¥ 2,467,932,315,500
Percentage on course vs. off course	4.7 : 95.3
Horses in training	8,250
Owners	2,339
Trainers	214
Jockeys	157
Training Assistants	1,209
Grooms	1,529

## 2010 Thoroughbred Sales Calendar in Japan

Date	Sale	Type	Place	Organizer
May 11 (Tue)	KYUSHU Sale	2-Y-O	JRA Miyazaki Training Farm	Kagoshima Prefecture Breeders' Association
May 17 (Mon)	CHIBA Thoroughbred Sale	Yearlings and 2-Y-O	Funabashi Racecourse	Chiba Ryoso Agricultural Cooperative Association
May 25 (Tue)	HOKKAIDO Training Sale	2-Y-O	JRA Sapporo Racetrack	Hidaka, Iburi & Tokachi Breeders' Association
June 1 (Tue)	KYUSHU Yearling Sale	Yearlings	JBBA Kyushu Stallion Station	Kagoshima Prefecture Breeders' Association
June 8 (Tue)	HIDAKA Training Sale	2-Y-O	JRA Hidaka Training Farm	Hidaka-Higashi Agricultural Cooperative Association
July 6 (Tue)	HACHINOHE Sale	Yearlings	Hachinohe sale	Aomori Prefecture Breeders' Association
July 12 (Mon)	SELECT Sale	Yearlings	Northern Horse Park	Japan Racing Horse Association
July 13 (Tue)	SELECT Sale	Foals	Northern Horse Park	Japan Racing Horse Association
July 20 (Tue)	HOKKAIDO Selection Sale	Yearlings	Hokkaido Sales Complex	Hidaka, Iburi & Tokachi Breeders' Association
July 21 (Wed)	HOKKAIDO Selection Sale	Foals	Hokkaido Sales Complex	Hidaka, Iburi & Tokachi Breeders' Association
August 23 (Mon) - 27 (Fri)	HOKKAIDO Summer Sale	Yearlings	Hokkaido Sales Complex	Hidaka, Iburi & Tokachi Breeders' Association
October 18 (Mon) - 21 (Thu)	HOKKAIDO Autumn Sale	Yearlings	Hokkaido Sales Complex	Hidaka, Iburi & Tokachi Breeders' Association

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## Japanese Principal Race Results

### 27<sup>th</sup> The February Stakes (G1)

Tokyo Racecourse, February 21, 2010

Value of race: ¥184,320,000

4-year-olds & Up, International,

1600m, Dirt Standard, Fine

1:34.9 (Course record 1:34.6)

15 runners

Pari-mutuel handle: ¥22,706,015,500

On-course 5.4%

Off-course 94.6%

February Stakes only: ¥13,370,442,300

Attendance: 61,304

1st: Espoir City (Tetsuzo Sato, 57.0kg) ch.h.5,

Gold Allure - Eminent City by Brian's Time,

O- Yushun Horse T- Akio Adachi B- Ikuchise Bokujo,

Winning money: ¥97,444,000

2nd: Testa Matta (Yasunari Iwata, 57.0kg) b.c.4,

Tapit - Difficult by Concern

3rd: Success Brocken (Hiroyuki Uchida, 57.0kg) br.h.5,

Symboli Kris S - Success Beauty by Sunday Silence



### 40<sup>th</sup> The Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1)

Chukyo Racecourse, March 28, 2010

Value of race: ¥185,960,000

4-year-olds & Up, International,

1200m, Turf Firm, Cloudy

1:08.6 (Course record 1:06.7)

18 runners

Pari-mutuel handle: ¥16,613,405,000

On-course 4.0%

Off-course 96.0%

Takamatsunomiya Kinen only: ¥12,005,672,600

Attendance: 39,890

1st: Kinshasa no Kiseki (Hiroyuki Shii, 57.0kg) b.h.7,

Fuji Kiseki - Keltshaan by Pleasant Colony,

O- Kazumi Yoshida. T- Noriyuki Hori B- Arrowleave Joint Venture,

Winning money: ¥98,822,000

2nd: B B Guldan (Katsumi Ando, 57.0kg) br.h.6,

Chef Bearhart - All the Chat by Westminister

3rd: A Shin Forward (Yasunari Iwata, 57.0kg) b.h.5,

Forest Wildcat - Wake Up Kiss by Cure the Blues



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