

SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 67TH TAKARAZUKA KINEN (G1)

The Takarazuka Kinen, established in 1960, opened its doors to foreign-trained horses in 1997 and became the first international grade-one race designated by the International Cataloguing Standards Committee (ICSC) held in western Japan in 2001. The race joined the Breeders' Cup Challenge Series in 2011, enabling its winner to earn automatic starting position in the Breeders' Cup Turf (G1, 2,400m). The winner is also eligible to start in the Cox Plate (G1, 2,040m) since 2019. In 2018, the race welcomed Hong Kong's 2015/2016 Horse of the Year Werther (NZ, by Tavistock) who finished a neck second. The venue was temporarily shifted to Kyoto Racecourse in 2024 due to the repair of the stands at Hanshin Racecourse.

It is a Grand Prix (All-Star) race, along with the year-end Arima Kinen (G1, 2,500m), in which the runners are selected by a fan poll. The fans can cast their votes online to select the ten most popular runners. The top ten horses with the most votes from the second special entry list are entitled to run in the race, while the rest of the field will consist of horses determined by earnings and selected foreign runners.

This year's contenders that were among the top ten horses voted included: **Croix du Nord** (1st), coming off his wins in the Osaka Hai (G1, 2,000m; Apr.5) and the Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1, 3,200m; May.3); **Meisho Tabaru** (2nd), defending champion and runner-up in the Osaka Hai; **Regaleira** (4th), three-time G1 victor including the 2024 Arima Kinen; **Museum Mile** (5th), winner of the 2025 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, 2,000m) and Arima Kinen; and **Danon Decile** (6th), 2024 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, 2,400m) champion who went on to claim the 2025 Dubai Sheema Classic (G1, 2,410m).

Other runners within the top 50 horses voted included graded winners **Tagano Dude** (20th), **My Universe** (21st), **Shake Your Heart** (22nd), **Stinger Glass** (25th), **June Take** (27th), **Shin Emperor** (34th), **Cosmo Kuranda** (35th), **Meiner Emperor** (36th), **Byzantine Dream** (38th) and **Mystery Way** (46th).

Horses that were ranked among the top ten but passed up their entry were Masquerade Ball (JPN, C4, by Duramente; 3rd), Energico (JPN, C4, by Duramente; 7th), Lovcen (JPN, C3, by World Premiere; 8th), Admire Terra (JPN, H5, by Rey de Oro; 9th) and Embroidery (JPN, F4, by Admire Mars; 10th).

THE 67TH TAKARAZUKA KINEN (G1)

3-year-olds & up, 2,200 meters (about 11 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Hanshin Racecourse

11th Race

Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 651,000,000 (about US\$ 4,200,000 <US\$1=¥155>)

3-y-o: 53kg (about 117 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares,

1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2022, 3kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2023

Course record: 2:09.7

Race record: 2:09.7 [Titleholder (JPN, by Duramente), 2022]

Safety factor: 18 runners

Going: Yielding

Weather: Rainy



FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin (L3F)	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	8	16	Meisho Tabaru (JPN) Yutaka Take	H5 b. 58.0	3.9 (2)	2:12.1 (35.3)	Gold Ship Meisho Tsubakuro (French Deputy)	Yoshitaka Matsumoto Mishima Bokujo Mamoru Ishibashi
2	3	5	Croix du Nord (JPN) Yuichi Kitamura	C4 br. 58.0	2.5 (1)	Neck (35.2)	Kitasan Black Rising Cross (Cape Cross)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Takashi Saito
3	1	1	Danon Decile (JPN) Keita Tosaki	H5 ch. 58.0	7.0 (3)	2-1/2 (35.0)	Epiphaneia Top Decile (Congrats)	Danox Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Shogo Yasuda
4	5	9 B	Cosmo Kuranda (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	H5 d.b. 58.0	41.6 (8)	Head (36.1)	Al Ain Southern Speed (Southern Image)	Big Red Farm Big Red Farm Shizuya Kato
5	4	8	Tagano Dude (JPN) Riki Takasugi	H5 b. 58.0	58.8 (10)	5 (35.2)	Yamakatsu Ace Tagano Mu Chan (Heart's Cry)	Ryoji Yagi Ryoji Yagi Toru Miya
6	4	7	Family Time (JPN) Hideaki Miyuki	H5 b. 58.0	287.4 (18)	Nose (36.1)	Real Steel Priomhbhean (Galileo)	Toho Bussan Co., Ltd. Kasamatsu Bokujo Koichi Ishizaka
7	8	17	Regaleira (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	M5 b. 56.0	7.8 (5)	1 (35.9)	Suave Richard Roca (Harbinger)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tetsuya Kimura

8	5	10	June Take (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	H5 d.b. 58.0	222.6 (15)	Neck (36.7)	Kizuna Admire Sabrina (Symboli Kris S)	Jun Yoshikawa Yoshikawa Holdings Hidenori Take
9	1	2	Museum Mile (JPN) Damian Lane	C4 d.b. 58.0	7.1 (4)	Head (36.5)	Leontes Museum Hill (Heart's Cry)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Daisuke Takayanagi
10	6	12	Meiner Emperor (JPN) Yuga Kawada	H6 d.b. 58.0	121.0 (13)	Neck (36.9)	Gold Ship Meine Theresia (Roses in May)	Thoroughbred Club Ruffian Co., Ltd. Big Red Farm Hisashi Shimizu
11	6	11	Shin Emperor (FR) Ryusei Sakai	H5 ch. 58.0	85.0 (12)	2-1/2 (36.2)	Siyouni Starlet's Sister (Galileo)	Susumu Fujita Ecurie Des Monceaux Yoshito Yahagi
12	2	4	Mikuni Inspire (JPN) Yuji Tannai	C4 b. 58.0	56.1 (9)	2 (36.8)	Admire Mars Silk Venus (Timber Country)	Mikuni Co., Ltd. Yoshitake Abe Toru Hayashi
13	7	14	Stinger Glass (JPN) Mirai Iwata	H5 b. 58.0	151.6 (14)	1-3/4 (36.3)	Kizuna Life For Sale (Not For Sale)	M's Racing Northern Racing Yasuo Tomomichi
14	7	13	Shake Your Heart (JPN) Yoshihiro Furukawa	H6 ch. 58.0	84.0 (11)	3/4 (36.9)	Heart's Cry Rumba Loca (Sri Pekan)	Chizu Yoshida Shadai Farm Toru Miya
15	3	6	Byzantine Dream (JPN) Atsuya Nishimura	H5 ch. 58.0	29.6 (7)	1-1/2 (37.1)	Epiphaneia Japoni Chara (Jungle Pocket)	Kazumi Yoshida Northern Racing Tomoyasu Sakaguchi
16	8	18	Mystery Way (JPN) Hiroki Matsumoto	G8 d.b. 58.0	229.4 (16)	Neck (37.6)	Just a Way Gypsy Highway (High Chaparral)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Shinya Kobayashi
17	2	3	Sugar Kun (JPN) Seinosuke Yoshimura	H5 d.b. 58.0	250.2 (17)	3/4 (38.0)	Duramente Sugar Heart (Sakura Bakushin O)	Yorikatsu Tsujiko Yanagawa Bokujo Hisashi Shimizu
FF	7	15	My Universe (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	C4 b. 58.0	19.1 (6)		Rey de Oro Church Choir (Neo Universe)	Toshio Terada Northern Farm Koshiro Take

FP: Final Position / BK: Bracket Number / PP: Post Position / B: Blinker / S&A: Sex & Age / Wgt: Weight (kg) / L3F: Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)
FF: Fail to Finish

Color: b.=bay / bl.=black / br.=brown / ch.=chestnut / d.b.=dark bay / d.ch.=dark chestnut / g.=gray / w.=white

NOTE: Figures quoted under Odds are shown in form of decimal odds (single unit is ¥100), and Fav indicates the order of favorites.

Turnover for the Race alone: ¥ 29,390,524,400

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 39,367,507,100

Attendance: 61,857

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.16	¥ 390	Bracket Quinella	3-8	¥ 380	Quinella	5-16	¥ 620
Place	No.16	¥ 140	Quinella Place	5-16	¥ 260	Exacta	16-5	¥ 1,360
	No.5	¥ 120		1-16	¥ 490	Trio	1-5-16	¥ 1,230
	No.1	¥ 170		1-5	¥ 290	Trifecta	16-5-1	¥ 6,040

Winner= 15 starts: 6 wins & 1 second / Added & stakes money: ¥ 303,780,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 866,338,600

Meisho Tabaru Defends His Title in This Year's Takarazuka Kinen

Second favorite **Meisho Tabaru** captured this year's All-Star "Grand Prix," the Takarazuka Kinen, becoming only the third horse to win the race two years in a row, following his sire Gold Ship in 2013-2014 and Chrono Genesis in 2020-2021. After winning last year's edition, the son of Gold Ship finished sixth, 0.2 seconds behind the winner, in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, 2,000m) before finishing a disappointing 13th in the year-end Arima Kinen (G1, 2,500m). He commenced the current season by finishing second to Croix du Nord in the Osaka Hai (G1, 2,000m) on April 5, his most recent start. Trainer Mamoru Ishibashi scored his second JRA-G1 win, while jockey Yutaka Take claimed his 86th G1 title, following his victory in the Yasuda Kinen aboard Sixpence just a week earlier, and extended his own record for most Takarazuka Kinen victories to six, including victories with Inari One (1989), Mejiro McQueen (1993), Marvelous Sunday (1997) and Deep Impact (2006). He also extended his own record as the oldest jockey to win a G1 race at the age of 57 years, 3 months and 1 day.

