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## WOTA BOX wins the 2020 Good Design Grand Award

Simultaneous announcement of 19 Good Design Gold Awards and 12 special award-winning works



The Japan Institute of Design Promotion (chaired by Motomi Kawakami) announced the recipients of the 2020 Good Design Grand Award, Gold Awards and special awards on Friday, October 30. Following online voting by this year's judges and Good Design Award winners, the WOTA BOX autonomous, decentralized water upcycling system won the Good Design Grand Award, which is presented to a design that is symbolic of the year 2020.

### 2020 Good Design Grand Award (Prime Minister's Award) WOTA BOX autonomous, decentralized water upcycling system Award winner: WOTA CORP. (Japan)



#### Outline

WOTA BOX is the world's first portable water recycling plant. By reusing more than 98% of domestic wastewater, it enables water use without conventional water infrastructure. Unique sensors and AI technology control both water and wastewater treatment. WOTA BOX represents the human- and environment-friendly water infrastructure of the future, making abundant water available to everyone, everywhere.

#### About the Good Design Grand Award

The Good Design Grand Award is given to the design that is deemed to represent the highest standard of excellence among the year's Good Design Award winning works in terms of reflecting social perspectives, manifesting current times, and offering a powerful proposal. Since its inception in 1980, the Good Design Grand Award winner has served as a milestone in Japanese society as a design that symbolizes the times.

Please visit the Good Design Award official website for the full list of Good Design Gold Award and special award recipients:

[www.g-mark.org/?locale=en](http://www.g-mark.org/?locale=en)

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## 2020 Good Design Gold Award (Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Award/19 works)

Presented to designs that are considered outstanding from a comprehensive viewpoint among the year's award-winning works

\*Highlighted winners were nominated as Good Design Grand Award finalists.

● House for Marebito guesthouse – VUILD, inc. (Japan)
● COVID-19 The Information Website – Tokyo Metropolitan Government (Japan)
● BRING Circular Economy – JEPLAN, INC. (Japan)
● Design Movement on Campus plan – Taiwan Design Research Institute (Taiwan)
● O'right Toothpaste No. Zero – Hair O'right International Corporation (Taiwan)
● Welcome to Hiyori Shokudo cookbook – hiyori hoikuen; solanomachi publishing; spicato inc. (Japan)
● METASPRINT TOKYO/1093A148 track and field sprint shoes – Canon Inc. (Japan)
● Sewing machine just right for moms and dads raising children – AXE YAMAZAKI CO., LTD (Japan)
● EOS C500 Mark II/EOS C300 Mark III digital cinema camera – FUJIFILM Corporation (Japan)
● LOVOT family type robot – GROOVE X, Inc. (Japan)
● DRY TECH exterior pavement finishing material – FUKKO.Co., Ltd.; NAGAOKA READY MIXED CONCRETE (Japan)
● Highway Transformer protective trailer truck for road workers – Central Japan Highway Maintenance Nagoya Co. Ltd. (Japan)
● Solar Town Fuchu residential community – Masamitsu Nozawa Building Workshop; Aiba Construction (Japan)
● Mi-chan's Sweets Workshop – ALTS DESIGN OFFICE (Japan)
● Yamasen Japanese Restaurant – TERRAIN architects (Japan); COTS COTS LTD. (Uganda)
● Nobeoka Station Area Project – Nobeoka City; Inui Architects; Culture Convenience Club Co., Ltd.; Nobeoka Design Union Confederation; studio-L; Ueda, Kodama, Tomoyuki, Kume joint venture group; Kyushu Railway Company (Japan)
● LOOP shopping platform – TerraCycle (United States of America)
● The sound of the Earthquake Early Warning System – NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation) (Japan)
● Zoom video conference system – Zoom Video Communications, Inc. (United States of America)

## **2020 Good Focus Awards (12 recipients in total)**

### **Good Focus Award: New Business Design (3 works)**

**Presented to outstanding designs creating new businesses and industries**

● Activity Monitor [AM-250] – TANITA CORPORATION (Japan)
● IQUI spherical camera – Vecnos Inc.; Ricoh Company, Ltd. (Japan)
● sakimeshi web service – Gigi, Inc. (Japan)

### **Good Focus Award: Design of Technique and Tradition (3 works)**

**Presented to outstanding designs by small and medium-sized manufacturers and information/service businesses**

● MIENNE short- and long-sleeved shirts – KANKO Co. Ltd. (Japan)
● Sasasa wazarashi cloth roll – takeda bleaching factory Inc. (Japan)
● Fuji Ninja Wheel – FUJI SEISAKUSHO CO., LTD. (Japan)

### **Good Focus Award: Design of Community Development (3 works)**

**Presented to outstanding designs that contribute to economic development through community revitalization**

● SEA SPICA high-speed vessel – Setouchi Shimatabi Corporation (Japan)
● Kokeyosui Square – studio on site; Tajimi City; Tamano Consultants Co., Ltd. (Japan)
● TSU-GU-NA-RA M&A platform – SUCCEED Inc. (Japan)

### **Good Focus Award: Disaster Prevention and Recovery Design (3 works)**

**Presented to outstanding designs that contribute to preventing and recovering from natural disasters**

● ITSUMO MOSHIMO Portable Kit, Go Kit, and Home Kit for disaster prevention – Ryohin Keikaku Co., Ltd. (Japan)
● Ruins of the GEJE: Nakahama Elementary School – Yamamoto Town, Miyagi Prefecture (Japan)
● Kumamoto Castle Reconstruction Observation Path – NIHON SEKKEI, INC. (Japan)