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# Hakuhodo Group companies win 1 Grand Prix, 1 Gold, 7 Silver, 5 Bronze at AD STARS 2021

Tokyo—September 10, 2021—Hakuhodo Inc., Japan's second largest advertising company, is pleased to announce that Hakuhodo Group companies have won 1 Grand Prix, 1 Gold, 7 Silver, 5 Bronze, a total of 14 trophies, at AD STARS 2021.

AD STARS is an international advertising festival held annually in Busan, Korea. Awards are given in four sections—AD STARS, VIDEO STARS, PUBLIC SERVICE ADVERTISING (PSA), and SPECIAL. The 2021 competition received 19,080 entries from 60 countries. The theme of this year's conference, held online August 25–27, was "Shift."

#### Awards won

# **Grand Prix**

· VIDEO STARS: Branded Entertainment Videos: Music Video: Music Video in Creativity

Title: The First Take

Advertiser: The First Take Music Agency: TBWA\HAKUHODO

# Gold

AD STARS: Design: Communication Design: Posters

Title: Sake Sushi House (Series name: Flavour of Home)

Advertiser: Sushi Sei

Agency: Hakuhodo Indonesia

## Silver

 AD STARS: Print: Sectors: Finance/Services/Entertainment & Leisure/Travel/Restaurants/Commercial Public Services/Pets

Title: Maguro Sushi House (Series name: Flavour of Home)

Advertiser: Sushi Sei

Agency: Hakuhodo Indonesia

• AD STARS: Outdoor: Ambient (Non-standard & Free-format outdoor advertising): Interactive Outdoor

Experience

Title: Braun X Formosa Chang

Advertiser: Heng Leong Hang Co. Ltd.

Agency: United Communications Group

AD STARS: Design: Sectors: Finance/Services/Entertainment & Leisure/Travel/Restaurants/Commercial

Public Services/Pets

Title: Sake Sushi House (Series name: Flavour of Home)

Advertiser: Sushi Sei

Agency: Hakuhodo Indonesia

 AD STARS: Design: Communication Design: Digital Design (Data Visualisation, Digital Installations & Events, UX, UI & Journey Designs)

 AD STARS: Interactive: Sectors: Finance/Services/Entertainment & Leisure/Travel/Restaurants/ Commercial Public Services/Pets

Title: A Ciphered Release of Music Video: STRAY SHEEP CODE

Advertiser: Sony Music Labels Inc., Reissue Records Inc.

Agency: SIX Inc.

AD STARS: Data Insights: Use of Data: Data Visualization

Title: UNIQLO ThermoArt
Advertiser: UNIQLO Co., Ltd.
Agency: TBWA\HAKUHODO

· VIDEO STARS: Branded Viral Videos

Title: Shop Unfriend

Advertiser: Central Department Store Ltd.

Agency: Wolf BKK

### **Bronze**

 AD STARS: Social & Influencer: Sectors: Electronics/IT/Office Equipment/Home Electronics & Audiovisual/Business Equipment & Services

Title: Braun X Formosa Chang

Advertiser: Heng Leong Hang Co. Ltd.

Agency: United Communications Group

AD STARS: Social & Influencer: Sectors: Finance/Services/Entertainment & Leisure/Travel/Restaurants/
 Commercial Public Services/Pets

Title: A Ciphered Release of Music Video: STRAY SHEEP CODE

Advertiser: Sony Music Labels Inc., Reissue Records Inc.

Agency: SIX Inc.

AD STARS: Interactive: Interactive Craft: Interactive Technology

Title: UNIQLO ThermoArt
Advertiser: UNIQLO Co., Ltd.
Agency: TBWA\HAKUHODO

AD STARS: Brand Experience & Activation: Sectors: Pharmaceutical/Toiletries

Public Service Advertising: Healthcare

Title: 30sOAP

Advertiser: Dreams Inc.

Agency: TBWA\HAKUHODO

### ■ About Hakuhodo

Founded in 1895, Hakuhodo is an integrated advertising and communication agency headquartered in Japan. The core agency of the Hakuhodo DY Group, Hakuhodo is the world's third largest advertising agency according to *Ad Age*'s "Agency Report 2021."

The Hakuhodo Group has offices in 20 countries and regions, and over 10,000 specialists working in Japan and abroad. Hakuhodo is strengthening its structure in emerging countries, particularly those in Asia, as it prepares to further expand its business across the region.

*Sei-katsu-sha* insight is the foundation for Hakuhodo's thinking, planning, and brand building. It reminds us that consumers are more than shoppers performing an economic function. They have heartbeats. They are individuals with distinct lifestyles. Hakuhodo introduced this term in the 1980s to emphasize its commitment to a comprehensive, 360-degree perspective on consumers' lives.

Renowned for its creativity, Hakuhodo has twice won the Grand Prix at Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity, and was the only agency headquartered in Asia to be awarded a Special Lion commemorating Cannes Lions' 50th anniversary in 2003.

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