

## **Mayor's Comments**

In conjunction with efforts to rebuild the city of Miki from the ravages of war it sustained during the Sengoku “Warring States” period, artisans skilled in the arts of carpentry and blacksmithing gathered here from across the land, to aid in the restoration of its temples and houses that had been laid to ruin, thus bringing about dramatic growth to the city of Miki. Through this process, the blacksmiths of Miki focused on designing tools in a manner that prioritizes their ease of use, and it is said that this tradition laid the foundation for the high level of quality that remains associated with “Miki metalware” until this day.

“Miki metalware” products are prized for their safety and reliability, and they have been crafted through a combination of the handmade techniques of our artisanal blacksmiths, the technology of our cutting-edge machinery, and our superior-quality materials.

Within this industry, the city of Miki gives special recognition to products that are particularly notable in terms of novelty and design by awarding them with the “Miki Metalware New Hardware Contest Award,” and the city provides further support toward the development of new products and the establishment of new markets.

The products featured here are those that have been recognized by the city of Miki as being worthy of the “Miki Metalware New Hardware Contest Award” for the fiscal year of 2023.

We provide this list for your perusal, and we hope that you will gain a deeper appreciation for the regional “Miki metalware” brand that is based upon Miki, Japan’s most historic “city of metalware,” and we look forward to your kind consideration and future patronage.

**Mayor of Miki,**  
Kazuhiko Nakata

