

## Mayor's Comments

Becoming widely renowned throughout the land due to efforts to expand its commercial reach to Edo in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, “Miki metalware” has become firmly established and continues to be recognized today as a leading brand of carpentry tools that are rooted in the rich historical background and technical expertise of this region.

Even in the rapidly changing times that we currently live in, we continue to take on new challenges in further developing “Miki metalware,” not only in the form of traditional products, but in developing a diverse range of products to be used in a wide array of different fields, all based on our illustrious history and technical craftsmanship.

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 2024.

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.



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