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Trophy for the Leonardo da Vinci Prize. It is inspired by the aerial screw invented by Leonardo da Vinci, embodying the values of elevation, progress and vision that the Leonardo da Vinci Prize seeks to promote, recognise and honour. © D.R.

The thirteenth Leonardo da Vinci Prize is awarded to Toichi Takenaka, Honorary Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Japanese family business Takenaka Corporation, in the presence of a large audience of international business leaders and public and political figures.

The award, co-founded by the Henokiens Association and Château du Clos Lucé, aims to promote family entrepreneurship as a dynamic and sustainable growth model, reflecting the values held by its creators.

Toichi Takenaka, representative of the 17th generation of the family at the head of Takenaka Corporation, receives the trophy from Shunishi Tokura, composer and commissioner of the Japanese Agency for Cultural Affairs, linked to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

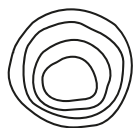


Toichi Takenaka
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THE WINNING BUSINESS RECEIVES THE AWARD FOR ITS VALUES OF TRANSMISSION AND INNOVATION, THE INSPIRATIONS OF LEONARDO DA VINCI

“Since its first steps in 1610, our company has continuously adhered to the spirit of a master builder and quality management. As a result, we have earned the trust of a wide range of customers, for which we are grateful. As our business environment has undergone many changes over the last centuries, the scope of impact has broadened, and the speed of changes has accelerated. However, our Management Philosophy, « Contribute to society by passing on the best works to future generations », and the first line of our Company Policy, « Take the path of truth, keep good faith and be steadfast », are the cornerstone of our company and the ideas of our founder that we should maintain without change.



In accordance with our Group Vision, « Contribute to society through urban creation », which is based on dialog with our customers and other stakeholders, we think it is necessary to earnestly address the challenges facing our society.

With the goal of realizing a sustainable society, therefore, we will continue on a steadfast course of meeting the expectations of society and our customers.”

Toichi Takenaka
Honorary Chairman of the Board of Directors of Takenaka Corporation

Founded in 1899 in Kobe, on the long tradition in the field, Takenaka Corporation is a Japanese family business specialising in building construction. In 1610, Tobei Masataka Takenaka was already building temples and shrines. Today, the company has built some of the country's most iconic buildings, including Tokyo Tower, Nippon Budokan and Tokyo Dome.

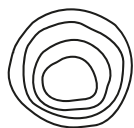
Takenaka Corporation is presided over by Toichi Takenaka, representing the 17th generation of the family. The company operates in Japan and globally, employs around 14,000 people and posted consolidated sales of 10.2 billion euros in 2023.

The 2024 edition of the Leonardo da Vinci Prize pays tribute to the visionary spirit of Takenaka Corporation, driven by constant innovation in its construction and engineering systems. Imagining, designing, realizing and implementing with the highest standards... a thought process dear to the master builder Leonardo da Vinci.

The Management Philosophy of this family-run company, “to contribute to society by passing on the best works to future generations”, is fully in line with the values of innovation and transmission supported by the prize and reflects the company's sense of social responsibility.

The Leonardo da Vinci Prize rewards five fundamental values:

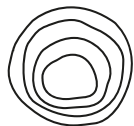
1. History and Tradition
2. Business and Family
3. Loyalty and Commitment
4. Memory and Transfer
5. Innovation and Modernity



Business and Family - From the very beginning, in 1899, Touemon Takenaka established a Corporate Philosophy based on the principles of integrity, professionalism, innovation and teamwork. The company's current head, Toichi Takenaka, was appointed President in 1980, chairman in 2013 and has been involved in the firm's management as honorary chairman since 2019.

Loyalty and Commitment - The "master builder spirit" upheld by Takenaka Corporation has been passed down through the generations and continues to embody the strong belief in the *toryo* or master builder who not only possesses the technical skills and knowledge to construct buildings but also the leadership to steward an organization to accomplish significant achievements. The ethos instilled at the company's inception is encapsulated in its Corporate Philosophy and Management Philosophy. To achieve the best, one must continuously evolve and create products that meet the needs of society.

Memory and Transmission - Takenaka's mission is to pass on the wonder of architecture and the spirit of master builders and craftspeople, rooted in the "heart of craftsmanship", to future generations. The fundamental principles of management have been the "master builder spirit" and "management excellence". They are based on the idea of being conscious of social responsibility and sustainability, acknowledging that architecture is not only a vessel to protect lives and property but also a part of society's cultural heritage. "Excellence" refers to the overall quality of the company's activities. Always aiming to construct the finest architecture, the company continuously develops its technology. For instance, Takenaka created buildings with seismic isolation structures that can withstand major earthquakes. Currently, it is also committed to environmental conservation and consideration for future generations by focusing on sustainable wooden architecture, environmentally friendly zero-energy buildings and pursuing its commitment to society.



Innovation and Modernity – The company constantly keeps up with the times and strives to grow. In preparation for the future, Takenaka continually explores the connection between the sustainable development goals and its business areas, devising growth strategies that contribute to a sustainable society. Viewing the entire business sphere of the group companies as urban areas, it addresses various challenges related to conceptualization, planning, construction and maintenance operations at every stage of urban development. Achieving global goals such as “harmony with the environment” calls on initiatives that consider regional characteristics within Japan. Furthermore, the firm is committed to industry-leading technological innovation, such as diverse and efficient work styles, robotics, productivity improvements through digital utilization and the promotion of BIM Building Information Modelling in production processes. In an era that demands attention be given to diversifying values, a globalizing economy and increased efforts towards environmental sustainability, the “master builder spirit” approach to artisanship serves as the foundation for all the company’s endeavours.

TAKENAKA CORPORATION, 125 YEARS IN BUSINESS...

1899 Touemon Takenaka opens an office in Kobe, marking the foundation of the company under his current name, Takenaka Corporation.

1912 Takashimaya Kyoto Store completed, Japan's first retail store building.

1923 Move to Osaka

1958 Tokyo Tower completed and Antarctic Exploration Research Facilities produced.

1959 Takenaka Building Research Institute opened in Tokyo.

1960 Takenaka & Associates Inc. established in San Francisco, starting full overseas business operations.

1970 Japan World Exposition Osaka 1970 (EXPO'70) opens with Takenaka participating in 23 pavilions.

1972 Takenaka's Tokyo Advanced Vocational Training School opened.

1980 Renichi Takenaka appointed chairman of the board and Toichi Takenaka appointed President.

1981 Changi International Airport Terminal 1 (Singapore) completed.

1983 Ote Center Building (Tokyo) completed and opened.

1984 Takenaka Carpentry Tools Museum opened.

2011 Practical Technology Training Center "Omoi" opened.

2020 FLATS WOODS KIBA completed with more floors than any other wooden building in Japan.

TAKENAKA CORPORATION KEY INFORMATION

Year founded	1899
Sales	10.2 billion
Headquarters	Kobe, Japan
Number of employees	14.000

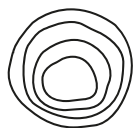
ABOUT THE LEONARDO DA VINCI PRIZE

“Family businesses have succeeded in creating the oldest economic model, shared throughout the world. By creating wealth and jobs, these family-owned and humanely-operated businesses are major players in a globalised economy, and help to perpetuate noble values over the long term. Their ability to pass on their heritage, know-how, collective values and cultures to future generations is the key to their longevity and sustainable growth from one generation to the next. The Leonardo da Vinci Prize is in keeping with the tradition of passing on knowledge, in the same way that Leonardo da Vinci did with his pupils, in the spirit of the Renaissance. The prize rewards the exemplary work of family businesses.”

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**François Saint Bris,
President, Château du Clos Lucé**

Founded in 2011 by the Henokiens Association and the Château du Clos Lucé, the Leonardo da Vinci Prize is awarded to a family business for its ability to pass on to future generations a set of cultural values and knowledge that constitutes an intangible and living heritage, essential for success and continuity. Through this prize and its winners, the Henokiens and the Château du Clos Lucé seek to bear witness to the capacity of multigenerational companies to adapt, to show they can serve as a model for the economy of tomorrow, and encourage the transmission of the cultural and traditional values and innovation that characterise them. The Leonardo da Vinci trophy was created by the jeweller Mellerio, a member of the Henokiens. It is inspired by the aerial screw invented by Leonardo da Vinci, embodying the values of elevation, progress and vision that the Leonardo da Vinci Prize seeks to promote, recognise and honour.



“The Leonardo da Vinci Prize honours family entrepreneurship that gives meaning to work, anchors it in the regions and roots it in our cultures. The prize-winners reflect the idea that it is possible to embark on and pursue an entrepreneurial venture while adding something extra to the world around us.”

Alberto Marengi
President of the International Henokiens Association

More info :

<https://vinci-closluce.com/en/leonard-prize>
www.henokiens.com/content.php?id=31&lg=en

The International Henokiens Association, created in France in 1981, brings together bicentennial family businesses from around the world. Descendants of the founders are still the owners or majority stakeholders of the 56 member companies in 10 countries. Through its members and the values they embody, the association aims to promote the concept of the family business as an alternative to multinationals.

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Château du Clos Lucé - Parc Leonardo da Vinci, located in Amboise, is the residence where Leonardo da Vinci settled in 1516 at the invitation of King Francis I. Appointed “First Painter, Engineer and Architect to the King”, he worked tirelessly on numerous projects before passing away 500 years ago. The Saint Bris family has owned the property since 1855, and opened this cultural landmark to the public almost one hundred years later, in 1954. The family’s mission is to pass on the universal heritage, memory and knowledge of Leonardo da Vinci. In 2019, the Château du Clos Lucé welcomed 520,000 visitors, 25% of whom were from abroad. It is the 3rd most visited monument in the Loire Valley.

Thanks to digital technologies, Clos Lucé is continuing its digital transformation and in June 2021 inaugurated the “Leonardo da Vinci Painter and Architect Galleries”, a new 500 square metre cultural facility. Visitors are immersed in the creative process and the entire painted work of the Renaissance genius in an immersive audiovisual show.

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