

Partners in Agriculture
Iowa-Yamanashi Friendship Recipe Contest

Background: “Partnership” is the word that best describes the agricultural relationship between the United States and Japan. Our agricultural partnership can be traced back 50 years to the famous “hog lift” of 1959. After the Yamanashi prefecture was devastated by two typhoons, farmers from the State of Iowa assisted Yamanashi farmers in rebuilding the Japanese hog industry by donating and transferring hogs to repopulate the prefecture.

Theme: To commemorate and celebrate the 50th anniversary of this special sister state relationship, the Prefecture of Yamanashi and the U.S. Embassy, Tokyo are jointly hosting a recipe contest. The aim is to widely publicize the “Partners in Agriculture” program and to create a symbolic recipe so that the unique story of agricultural partnership between the United States and Japan will be passed on to the next generation.

Sponsors: The Prefecture of Yamanashi and the Embassy of the United States of America

Cooperators: Yamanashi Chefs Association, Yamanashi Nutritionist Association, Yamanashi School Lunch Program

Contest Scheme:

1. Categories

The contest will be divided into two categories:

- 1) Public Category; and
- 2) Professional Category

2. Judges

- 1) Honorary Guest Judge

Dr. Yukio Hattori, President of Hattori Culinary and Nutrition School

- 2) Other Judges will be selected from people representing Yamanashi, U.S. Embassy, Chef’s Association and Nutritionist’s Association

3. Selection Process

Recipes must use “Fujizakura Pork” (meat derived from the swine bred from the hogs sent to Yamanashi in 1959) and U.S. food ingredients.

Ten recipes will be selected on paper and the finalists will demonstrate their recipes for final selection.

4. Time Table

Announcement on December 1, 2009

Pre-selection (on paper) in January 2010

Final selection (demonstration) on February 7, 2010

Award ceremony on April 8

5. Awards will be presented to the winners which include the special prize of one week stay in Iowa.

<http://www.pref.yamanashi.jp/shinchaku/kokusai/2111/recipe.html>