KINOKUNIYA COMPANY LTD.

Award Ceremony for Kinokuniya Bestseller Grand Prize, Kinobest! 2016, Kinokuniya Humanities Grand Prize 2016

Kinokuniya Company Ltd (Chairman and CEO Masashi Takai) will hold an award ceremony on 25 March 2016 for 'Kinokuniya Bestseller Grand Prize', 'Kinobest! 2016', and 'Kinokuniya Humanities Grand Prize 2016', followed by a discussion with the Kinobest! 2016 first place winner Natsu Miyashita, and Michiko Yazuki.

The 'Kinokuniya Bestseller Grand Prize' seeks to recognise authors and publishers that have greatly contributed to Kinokuniya's success over the year, while 'Kinobest!' is awarded to thirty books that have been confidently recommended by Kinokuniya's own staff. Finally, the 'Kinokuniya Humanities Grand Prize' recognises outstanding works of humanities each year, chosen in part by our readers.

We will hold the award ceremony, along with the discussion panel with Natsu Miyashita (author of *Hitsuji to Hagane no Mori* - 'A Forest of Sheep and Steel', the first place novel of 'Kinobest! 2016') and the novelist Michiko Yazuki, at the following time and place:

- Date: Friday, 25 March 2016. 19:30 start (doors open from 19:00)
- Place: Kinokuniya Southern Theatre (Kinokuniya Shinjuku South Store 7th floor)
- Programme:

(1) Kinokuniya Bestseller Grand Prize: Award Ceremony

<Author's Prize> Acceptance video by the winning novelist Naoki Matayoshi

<Publisher's Prize> Presentation of award to the winning publisher Bungei Shunjū Ltd, represented by President Kiyondo Matsui.

(2) Kinobest! 2016: Award Ceremony

Presentation of award to Natsu Miyashita, author of the first place novel *Hitsuji to Hagane no Mori*.

(3) Kinokuniya Humanities Grand Prize: Award Ceremony

Presentation of award to Masahiko Kishi, author of the Grand Prize winning work *Danpentekina mono no Shakaigaku* – 'Sociology of the Fragmented'

(4) Discussion Panel with Natsu Miyashita and Michiko Yazuki, in commemoration of Miyashita's Kinobest! 2016 first place win