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Who will take the crown? Will it be Hello Kitty, who is celebrating her 50th, Cinnamoroll, who's hoping for his 5th consecutive win, or the newcomer Hanamaruobake?

Voting Kicks Off for the 2024 Sanrio Character Ranking

Voting period: April 11 (Thu) - May 26 (Sun) Final Results announced: June 16 (Sun)

Voting Site: <u>https://ranking.sanrio.co.jp/</u>

April 11, 2024 (Tokyo, Japan)—Sanrio Company, Ltd. (Headquartered in Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo; President: Tomokuni Tsuji; hereinafter "Sanrio") is delighted to announce that it is holding the 39th annual popularity contest for Sanrio characters, the 2024 Sanrio Character Ranking, that will kick off on April 11 (Thu), 2024.



Launched in 1986 in the Strawberry Newspaper, Sanrio's monthly newspaper published in Japan, the Sanrio Character Ranking is an event in which many characters that are selected from over 450 of Sanrio's characters are entered and ranked according to the number of votes they receive. This year, the total number of entries is 90 characters!

The final results will be announced at "SANRIO FES 2024" to be held on June 16 (Sun.) at Tokyo Big Sight (streamed on YouTube) and will also be announced on the official Sanrio Character Awards website. We hope you will enjoy the 2024 Sanrio Character Ranking where you can share love and thanks with Sanrio's characters.

This year we should watch out for Hello Kitty, who is celebrating her 50th anniversary, Cinnamoroll, who is gearing up to be the first to win five consecutive years, and Hanamaruobake, who will be competing for the first time.

Cinnamoroll, Pompompurin, and Kuromi have dominated the TOP 3 for two consecutive years, but the momentum of Hello Kitty, who celebrates her 50th anniversary this year, and newcomers such as PETAPETAMINILIAN, BUDDYEDDY, and Hanamaruobake, who is from the NEXT KAWAII PROJECT, are all expected to make an appearance in the top ranks. Please keep a watchful eye on the 2024 Sanrio Character Ranking to see whether Cinnamoroll will become the first character to win five consecutive times, or will other characters mix up the ranking this year!



Comments from Characters in the Spotlight!



Overview of the 2024 Sanrio Character Ranking

This year's theme, "All we need is mutual love and thanks," was chosen with the hope that the Sanrio Character Awards will be a moment when the characters and fans will be able to share their feelings of mutual love and gratitude. The key visual shows the characters' faces, with the words "I love you" and "Thank you" thrown into the air. The key visual is a cute retro-pop design of the characters in a pose of blowing kisses to express their feelings of mutual love and appreciation.



Title:	2024 Sanrio Character Ranking
Schedule:	 Voting period: Thursday, April 11 - Sunday, May 26 *Online voting starts April 11 (Thu) at 11:00 a.m. to May 26 (Sun.) at 5:00 p.m. Initial results (1st to 10th place): Tuesday, April 16, 1:00 p.m. (*1st to 5th place for overseas rankings) Interim results (1st to 20th place): Thursday, May 9, 1:00 p.m. (*1st to 10th place for overseas rankings) Final Results (1st to 90th) Sunday, June 16, 2 p.m. (*1st to 10th place for other country rankings) *Presented at "SANRIO FES 2024" (to be streamed on YouTube). Each announcement time is subject to change. *Overseas ranking refers to the ranking of each of the 14 countries/regions.
Character Entries:	90 characters

2024 Sanrio Character Ranking—Total of 90 Character Entries

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Entry 90 characters



Reference

2023 Sanrio Character Ranking Results

Total number of votes cast: 44,487,850 (Record high) Voting period: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - Friday, May 26, 2023

2023 Final Ranking Results

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	Character Name	Number of votes	Interim#	Initial#	Prev.#
1	Cinnamoroll	4,376,064	1	1	1
2	Pompompurin	3,695,478	2	2	2
3	KUROMI 🦙	3,566,050	4	4	3
4	Pochacco	3,200,540	3	3	4
5	Hello Kitty 🛛 🔅	2,496,850	5	6	6
6	My Melody 🛛 😹	2,264,895	6	8	5
7	Hangyodon 💩	1,839,694	7	7	8
8	Little Twin Stars	1,518,114	9	-	7
9	Tuxedosam 🛛 🕵	1,513,085	8	10	10
10	BAD BADTZ-MARU 🙇	1,457,693	10	-	12
11	Cogimyun 💮	-	11	9	9
12	Kerokerokeroppi 🥁	-	13	-	11
13	GUDETAMA 🛛 🙈	-	16	-	15
14	JOCHUM 🔠	-	12	5	-
15	WISH ME MELL 🐹	_	15	-	13
16		-	14	-	16
17	KIRIMICHAN. 🥋	-	19	-	19
18	MY SWEET PIANO	-	17	-	18
19	SHOW BY ROCK!! 🦝	_	20	-	14
20	COROCOROKURIRIN 🏽 🍪	-	18	-	20