

## News Release

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### **2005 Nikkei Superior Products and Services Awards/ Nihon Keizai Shimbun Awards for Excellence Integrated Mill Turn Center, NT Series**

The NT Series, Ultimate Integrated Mill Turn Center, which was released in September 2005, received an award at the 2005 Nikkei Superior Products and Services Awards/Nihon Keizai Shimbun Awards for Excellence.

These awards started in 1982 and have been given once a year to recognize new products or services of particularly high quality. This year was the 24<sup>th</sup> year. The products nominated are selected not only from public applicants, but also from those that were in the Nihon Keizai Shimbun, the Nikkei Business Daily, the Nikkei Marketing Journal and the Nikkei Financial Daily, and from those that were recorded in the Nikkei Shimbun's new product database. Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Inc. selected 250 products from a wide variety of products, from industrial and consumer goods to software and financial goods. The Selection Committee gave awards to a total of 45 products, including 21 that received Awards for Excellence. The chairperson of the Selection Committee (representative judge) was Emeritus Professor Hiroyuki Yoshikawa of Tokyo University.

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time our company has received an Award for Excellence, following the award received for the NV5000 in 2002.

The NT Series was the only machine tool that received an Award for Excellence among many products.