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Born in 1973 in Nasushiobara City, Tochigi Prefecture, Japan, Master Masayuki Fujikawa began his journey into the world of bonsai with a deep respect for tradition and craftsmanship. In 1994, he apprenticed under the legendary bonsai master Masahiko Kimura, dedicating ten years to intensive training and refinement of technique. This formative period laid the foundation for his distinctive style and deep understanding of bonsai artistry.

Following his apprenticeship, he returned to the land where his late father once operated a bonsai garden and reopened it with renewed purpose. There, he continued to hone his skills as a bonsai craftsman, blending inherited legacy with personal innovation. His work quickly gained recognition for its sensitivity and precision, reflecting both the discipline of his training and the spirit of his heritage.

In 2015, he was appointed as a demonstrator at the 8th World Bonsai Convention in Saitama, a prestigious honor that marked his emergence on the international bonsai stage. Upon this appointment, he joined the Japan Bonsai Cooperative Association, recommended by his mentor Mr. Kimura. He returned to the World Bonsai Convention in 2017, once again showcasing his mastery to a global audience.

That same year, he received the Prime Minister's Award—the highest accolade at the Japan Bonsai Style Exhibition, a gathering of Japan's top professional bonsai artists. In 2018, he was further honored with the Minister of the Environment Award, the top prize in the medium category at the same exhibition.

