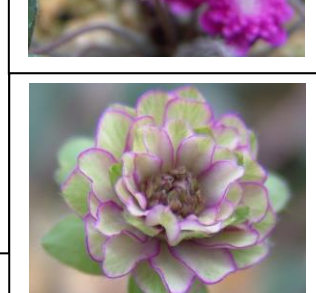
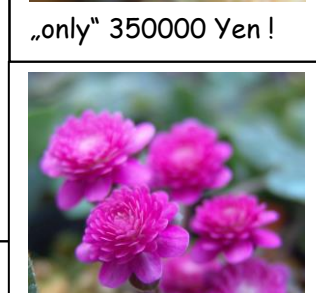
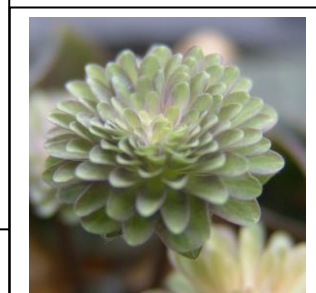
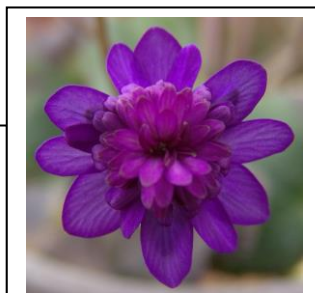
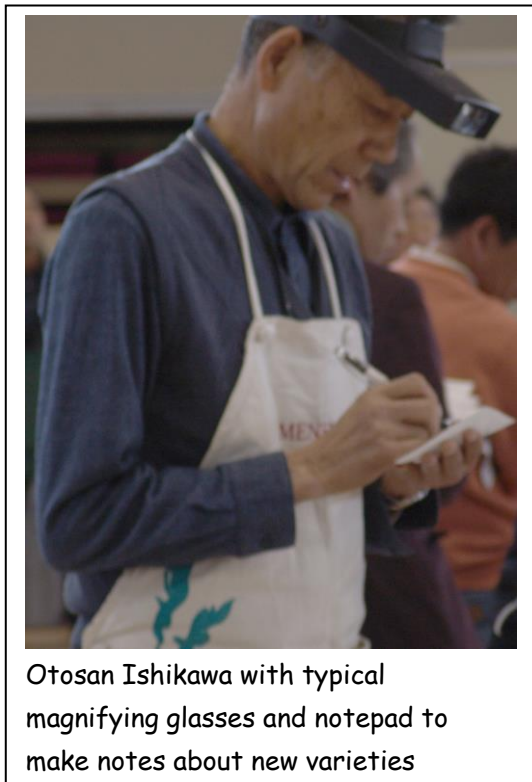


At "Ishikawa" in the Nursery

With the Ishikawa already a long time of cooperation connects. It may be over twenty years that we buy and exchange Hepatica with each other and now I was for the first time in the nursery and garden center. The daughter Kazuko had picked us up from the train station and got us a hotel in the city. Gunther and I stayed three days to marvel at the Hepatica, to find out how the process is arranged. One evening we went out for a typical Japanese meal with the whole family, it was delicious. Since it was winter the garden center is not open, but the work at the hepatica was still necessary. The plants were cleaned (old leaves removed), partly divided and potted, there is always something to do. Since Mr. Otsan Ishikawa also deals with rice we got an introduction of the conditions of these sales at the same time. Everything brought something new, different and unfamiliar with it, but just this mixture made the trip an experience. On the third day, we set off for Niigata. We were packed into a small Toyota bus, with suitcases, plants for the exhibition and four people, more than full, where there's a will there's a way. We drove over a mountain range with a lot of forest that was under snow at this time. Ishikawa told us that many Hepatica grow in these forests and that he found the first yellow Hepatica there in the 1980s. Now we drove to a friendly Hepatica grower where goods were still being exchanged for the big Niigata exhibition. Also Mr. Amato belonged to the "Ishikawa Klan" and we got also here direct insights of the Hepatica scene.

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Hepatica in sale foil house at Ishikawa



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