Japanese billionaire takes over top spot on Twitter after he offers prize money for retweets

What gets Twitter users more excited than a year's supply of Wendy's chicken nuggets?

Apparently cold, hard cash.

chicken nuggets 鸡块

The most retweeted tweet of all time now belongs to Yusaku Maezawa, a Japanese

billionaire behind the e-commerce company Zozotown. His message to the Twitterverse

promised 100 winners a chance to win a piece of 100 million Japanese yen, or about \$920,800, if

they retweeted him.

Maezawa said his promotion on Twitter was a show of gratitude after Zozotown sold 10

billion yen worth of merchandise during its New Year's sale. His message has been retweeted

more than 5.6 million times. He said that he would contact the winners through direct message.

Twitter confirmed that Maezawa's post is now the most retweeted message on the

platform and that the tweet is considered a "contest/sweepstakes" ad and is allowed on Twitter.

Maezawa has more than 6 million followers on Twitter. He is not only

a high-profile entrepreneur: He is also slated to be SpaceX's first tourist to pay for a trip around

the moon. Last year, at an unveiling at SpaceX headquarters in Hawthorne, California, Maezawa

announced that he had bought every seat on SpaceX's inaugural flight to

Earth's satellite, scheduled to embark in 2023 and take about a week. Maezawa said he would

invite up to eight artists to join him on his journey to the moon, leading to the creation of

artworks "to inspire the dreamer in all of us."

high-profile 高调的

unveiling 揭开;揭幕式

inaugural 首次的;就职的

embark 着手;从事

slate 安排; 计划