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**TMS Announces *LUPIN THE 3rd Part 5*,
the Most Recognized Japanese Animation TV Series,
Will Debut on Crunchyroll on April 3rd**

Los Angeles, CA – April 2, 2018 – TMS Entertainment USA announces that the latest installment of the *LUPIN THE 3rd* series, ***LUPIN THE 3rd Part 5***, will launch on Crunchyroll on April 3rd, simultaneously with Japan's broadcast. It will be streamed with the original Japanese audio and English subtitles.

LUPIN THE 3rd Part 5 (24 x 30-minute episodes) is going to reveal the secret life story of how Lupin III came to be the world's greatest thief. Lupin III, grandson of the infamous phantom thief Arsène Lupin, is a notorious thief who never fails in taking what he targets. Lupin works along with Daisuke Jigen, Goemon Ishikawa, and Fujiko Mine. Despite dealing against Inspector Zenigata, who has dedicated his life to capturing Lupin, they continue to swiftly take their targeted treasures. The series will be based in France, focusing on Lupin's roots and origin, something that has been kept a mystery for 50 years...until now!

LUPIN THE 3rd is one of the most well-known animated TV series in Japanese history. It began as a Japanese Manga series written and illustrated by Monkey Punch in 1967. The series follows the escapades of master thief Arsène Lupin III, the grandson of Arsène Lupin, the gentleman thief of Maurice Leblanc's series of novels. The TV series followed in 1971, with the broadcast starting on Japanese TV and becoming a very popular, long airing show.

"The master gentleman thief is back to France, the origins of his grandfather's home turf. He'll carry his Walther P38 and drive cool classic cars but use current technology at his disposal for a modern twist. It's something the world has been waiting for, including myself!" said Masami Tokunaga, Vice President of TMS USA.

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TMS Entertainment USA, Inc. is a subsidiary of TMS Entertainment Co., Ltd. (better known as TMS), one of the world's largest and most distinguished animation studios. TMS has won recognition from the international filmmaking industry for its highly-acclaimed animation, pioneering techniques and proud commitment to quality. With a dedicated team of development, production and design executives, TMS's growing reputation is reflected by the versatility, artistry and originality of the programs the company has produced for international markets worldwide.

Established in 1964, TMS has produced more than 200 features, and over 100 TV program series, with a total of 12,000 half hours for global distribution. TMS programs have attained worldwide recognition and TMS will continue to strive for excellence.

TMS website: www.tms-e.com/english/

About Crunchyroll:

[Crunchyroll](#) is the world's largest destination for anime and manga, boasting a global community of more than 35 million registered users and over 1 million subscribers. Fans connect through the most complete anime library including "Naruto Shippuden," "Attack on Titan," and "Dragon Ball Super," events such as Crunchyroll Expo, Anime Awards, Crunchyroll News, and can purchase related merchandise through its online store. Through its app on game consoles, set-top boxes, mobile devices and more, Crunchyroll delivers content from leading media producers directly to viewers translated professionally in multiple languages. The service is available for free or through a premium offering that allows users to watch ad-free with access to simulcasts—top series available immediately after Japanese broadcast. Fans can also view Crunchyroll on [VRV](#), an audience-focused aggregation platform featuring premium SVOD channels and a curated house channel, VRV Select.

About LUPIN THE 3rd:

LUPIN THE 3rd is one of the most recognized animation TV series in Japanese history. It debuted as Manga comic in 1967 and started TV broadcasting in 1971. There are five TV series, totaling 291 episodes, including this newest *LUPIN THE 3rd Part 5* (24 x 30-minute episodes). There are 26 feature length TV specials, and several theatrical films. The most recent film in theaters, *LUPIN THE IIIIRD: Goemon's Blood Spray*, focuses on Goemon Ishikawa XIII, a master swordsman whose sword can cut anything.

LUPIN THE 3rd website: www.lupin-3rd.net/en/

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LUPIN THE 3rd Part 5



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Get ready to learn the roots and origin of Lupin!!

<Synopsis>

Lupin's current target: a key to a certain server facility. Once obtained, the information of all the customers and their funds from the world's largest online bank will be in Lupin's hands. Lupin and Jigen speed through their various obstacles and head to their targeted destination.

There, they find the developer of the security system of the bank: Amlita. Whilst having all the skills and utilizing her knowledge about programming, her illness has left her weak, being unable to live her daily life normally.

Lupin and Jigen successfully capture Amlita and bring her to their hideout. However, almost immediately upon their arrival, Zenigata and his men surround the place. Being at a loss as to why their location was exposed so easily, they discover an online show going viral. The show's name, "Arrest Lupin III" where people all over the world participate, providing information and summoning up suspects.

Thus, a new TV series centering on 2 capitals - Tokyo and Paris, begins.

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