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### 19th Movie of the Series Detective Conan: Sunflowers of inferno **To be released from April 18 (Sat) in Toho Cinemas!**

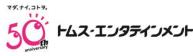
TMS Entertainment Co., Ltd (Head office: Nakano-ku, Tokyo; President: Yoshiharu Suzuki; "TMS") will release the 19th animated movie of Detective Conan "Sunflowers of inferno," originally created by Gosho Aoyama, from April 18 (Sat) in all Toho Cinemas. The movie is produced by TMS jointly with Shogakukan Inc. (Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Masahiro Oga), Yomiuri Telecasting Corporation (Head office: Osaka city, Osaka; President: Norio Mochizuki), Nippon Television Network Corporation (Head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President and CEO: Yoshio Okubo), Shogakukan-Shueisha Productions Co., Ltd. (Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Takaaki Kii), and Toho Co., Ltd. (Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Yoshinari Shimatani).

# Official website of Detective Conan: Sunflowers of inferno <u>http://www.conan-movie.jp/</u>

It is the first art-related movie in the series in the motif of famous "Sunflowers," a painting by Dutch painter Vincent Van Gogh. This art mystery involves plenty of characters, dramas and unprecedented actions with an overwhelming scale and fast tempo. The spectacular entertainment epic is written by Takeharu Sakurai and directed by Kobun Shizuno, both were involved in Aibo (Partners) series and the 17<sup>th</sup> movie of Detective Conan: "Private Eye in the Distant Sea." The cast of the movie includes Nana Eikura as the special guest and its theme song, "Oh! Rival" by Porno Graffitti, also brings some refreshing taste.

## ■ Synopsis: Lie and Love that cross beyond time- An artistic mystery over the treasures of humanity

A world famous painting was sold at a New York auction where billionaires gathered from the world. The painting was Van Gogh's Sunflowers, which was said to have been destroyed in fire in Japan. The buyer, Jirokichi Suzuki, spent a record-breaking price of 300 million dollars for the painting and wanted to collect all 7 paintings of Sunflowers in the world. The largest exhibition



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was to be held in the Lake Rock Museum, an impregnable museum in Japan. The news was announced to the world, and Conan and Ran also attentively watch the live feed from the TV. When the Seven Samurai, specialists to protect the Sunflowers, were about to be convened, Kaito Kid suddenly appeared and fled the scene after declaring that he would steal the painting, no matter what! Why would Kid set his eyes on the painting while he always targeted big jewels? In the next moment, a high-school detective, Shinichi Kudo, appeared to the tumultuous conference announcing that he came because he heard about the rumors of Kid. Days after, when the plane delivering Sunflowers was headed to Japan, the "white shadow" attacked again...!

Twisted with lies and truth over the one and only treasure, the art mystery starts to unfold!

Staff and casting members include director: Kobun Shizuno, screenwriter: Takeharu Sakurai, music: Katsuo Ohno, main character Conan Edogawa: Minami Takayama, Ran Mori: Wakana Yamazaki, Kogoro Mori: Rikiya Koyama. The film is also the last work of the late Yasuo Urakami, who had devoted himself for a long time as the sound director of the series of Detective Conan.

The previous installment, the 18<sup>th</sup> movie of Detective Conan: Dimensional Sniper, achieved the highest box office earnings of 4.11 billion yen in the series and was rewarded Excellent Animation Award at the 38<sup>th</sup> Japan Academy Award. This was the 7<sup>th</sup> award that Detective Conan movies have received.

Last year, "Detective Conan" celebrated its 20th anniversary and the Tottori Sand Dunes Conan Airport opened, both of which helped to increase the visibility of the movie. As a member of the Production Committee, TMS will continue to focus on the promotion and branding of Detective Conan: Sunflowers of inferno.



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