

PRESS RELEASE

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TMS Entertainment USA, Inc.

**A Massive Hit Series! Detective Conan:
The Fist of Blue Sapphire,
to be Released Nationwide in Japan on April 12th, 2019.**

TMS Entertainment Co., Ltd. (“TMS”) has co-produced the new animated movie, **Detective Conan: The Fist of Blue Sapphire**, the 23rd installment in the Detective Conan series, based on the original manga by Gosho Aoyama. The new film will be released nationwide in Japan on April 12th.

**The Official Website**

<http://www.conan-movie.jp>

The Latest Film of a Blockbuster Series

The previous movie in the series, **Detective Conan: Zero the Enforcer**, recorded the highest box office revenue of the series so far, earning 9.18 billion yen in Japan and has become the top-earning Japanese Animation movie of 2018. TMS is actively working on overseas licensing and plan to release the movie in various countries after its domestic release.

The First Female Director

Directing **Detective Conan: The Fist of Blue Sapphire** will be Chika Nagaoka, who has acted as the assistant director in the 21st feature length, **Detective Conan: The Crimson Love Letter**, making her the first female director for the Detective Conan movie series.

Story

When Kid the Phantom Thief learns that the world’s biggest sapphire, the “Fist of Blue Sapphire”, is kept in an underground safe of a mansion in Singapore, he takes Detective Conan against his wishes overseas in search of the treasure that was once thought to be long lost. As Kid closes in on the coveted jewel, the fountain of Merlion begins to spout out blood red water, as if to foreshadow the unfolding of something ominous.

Staff and Cast

Musical actor Ikusaburo Yamazaki and actress Mayuko Kawakita join the cast for the first time as special guests.

P R E S S R E L E A S E

The theme song, “BLUE SAPPHIRE” contributed by HIROOMI TOSAKA, a member of J SOUL BROTHERS III from EXILE TRIBE, captures the worldview and hidden feelings of each characters in the film. Takahiro Okura, a scriptwriter joins for the second time since *Detective Conan: The Crimson Love Letter*. Long-time members involved in the staff and cast include Katsuo Ohno writing the music, Minami Takayama starring as the main character Conan Edogawa, along with Wakana Yamazaki as Ran Mori, Rikiya Koyama as Kogoro Mori, and Kappei Yamaguchi is featured in the role of Kid the Phantom Thief.

As a member of the “Detective Conan Committee”, TMS continues to deliver theatrical animations that can be enjoyed by people all over the world.

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About Detective Conan (Case Closed):

The manga first serialized on the *Weekly Shonen Sunday*, published by Shogakukan Inc. in 1994. The total sales of the comic series of 94 published volumes exceed 230 million copies. The series is one of the bestselling detective mystery comics and is very popular internationally as well.

Shinichi Kudo is a high school detective. One day, suspicious men in black forcefully give him a strange poison and his body shrank to the time of when he was in the first grade! Hiding his identity, he made a new name for himself: Conan Edogawa. Conan now lives with his childhood friend Ran Mori and her detective father in hopes of hunting down the Black Organization while being involved in cases. He faces numerous difficult cases and goes against a notorious thief but keeps on solving mysteries to find the one and only truth!

About TMS Entertainment Co., Ltd.:

Head office: Nakano-Ku, Tokyo, President: Tadashi Takezaki

A member of the “Detective Conan Committee”.

TMS Entertainment Co., Ltd. (better known as TMS) is 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 420 titles, and over 12000 episodes.

TMS programs have attained worldwide recognition and TMS will continue to strive for excellence.

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

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