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TMS Entertainment USA, Inc.

Case Closed's Season 1 Now Streaming Globally on Crunchyroll

LOS ANGELES, CA – September 17, 2020 – TMS Entertainment today announces the first 42 episodes of *Case Closed* which originally aired in 1996 in Japan will be available for streaming through Crunchyroll at 3pm PT on September 17, 2020. Season 1 of the hugely popular anime series that is fast approaching 1000th episode, is available worldwide excluding Asia and French and German speaking Europe, with subtitles in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Russian, and Arabic.

Although *Case Closed*'s newest episodes have largely been available as simulcast on Crunchyroll in English speaking regions in America and Europe as well as Australia and New Zealand with English subtitles, fans will now be able to watch the early days of high school detective Shinichi Kudo as he struggles to adjust to his new life as Conan Edogawa. In some regions such as Russia, the release of these episodes will be the first time franchise will be made available.

"We are so excited to finally be able to introduce Case Closed to anime fans who reside in countries that previously were not able to watch the series. And for many Case Closed devotees who currently enjoy the simulcast episodes of Case Closed, we hope that these episodes of Detective Conan's early adventures add further enjoyment to the long-running series," said Masami Tokunaga, Senior Vice President of TMS Entertainment USA, Inc. "We hope that this brings joy to **Case Closed** fans both old and new around the world. You'll see whole lot more of Detective Conan as we have a master plan laid out for the great detective this year."

The stream of the TV episodes come at the heel of a recently released Blu-ray of feature length TV special, *Case Closed: Episode "One"* and the announcement of 22nd feature film *Case Closed: Zero the Enforcer* Blu-ray release on September 29th. The two releases notably featured a brand-new dub cast. Follow TMS Entertainment on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>YouTube</u> for the latest news on Case Closed.

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 exceed 230 million copies. The series is one of the bestselling detective mystery comics and is very popular internationally as well.

Anime series launched in 1996 and further expanded the series' popularity. Feature length theatrical releases has been released every year since 1997 and has smashed numerous box office records in Japan with 2019's 23rd feature length "The Fist of Blue Sapphire" recording approximately \$115 million in worldwide box office sales.



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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!



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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.

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