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MOST ANTICIPATED UPCOMING TV SERIES "SPACE DANDY" TO BE BROADCAST SIMULTANEOUSLY WORLDWIDE!

Tokyo, Japan, October 25, 2013 – Bandai Visual Co., Ltd., a leader in the development and production of Japanese animation, announced the simultaneous TV broadcast of "Space Dandy" in Japan, North America and Asia, starting January 2014! This marks the first time that a Japanese TV anime series will be televised simultaneously in numerous countries.

<North America>

English production will be handled by FUNimation Entertainment, a Group 1200 Media Company, in association with the Space Dandy Production Committee in Japan, and the series will be aired on Adult Swim in North America in English. FUNimation has acquired the home entertainment, digital, theatrical, and merchandise rights to the series.

<Asia>

The series will be aired on Animax Asia in various countries in Asia except for Japan and Korea. The countries which Animax Asia's service covers will be announced soon. ODEX is the Asian licensee of the series. ODEX and Animax Asia also announced the appearance of two voice cast from "Space Dandy" at AFA Singapore, which will be held from November 8th to 10th at Suntec International Convention & Exhibition Centre. Junichi Suwabe (voice of Dandy) and Yurin (voice of Honey) will hold a stage event as well as autograph sessions at the AFA booths of ODEX and Animax Asia.



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<Oceania>

It was also announced that Madman Entertainment acquired the license of "Space Dandy" for Australia and New Zealand, and the series will premiere simultaneously online in these countries as it airs on Japanese TV. TV broadcast plans in Oceania are currently under negotiation.

Bandai Visual is currently in discussion with companies in Europe and Korea. Announcements for these countries will be made soon.



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About "Space Dandy"

Get ready to blast off with Space Dandy, a dazzling new anime from the entire creative team behind "Cowboy Bebop"! General Director: Shinichiro Watanabe ("Cowboy Bebop", and "Samurai Champloo"), Director: Shingo Natsume ("Fullmetal Alchemist: The Sacred Star of Milos"), Screenplay: Kimiko Ueno (Movie "Crayon Shin-chan"), Dai Sato ("Cowboy Bebop", "Eureka Seven"), Keiko Nobumoto ("Cowboy Bebop", "Wolf's Rain") and many others, Character Design: Yoshiyuki Ito ("Star Driver"), Spaceship Design: Thomas Romain (Satelight) ("Basquash!"), Theme Song: Yasuyuki Okamura, Animation Production: Bones Inc. ("Fullmetal Alchemist Brotherhood", "Soul Eater", "Eureka Seven AO"). Visit official website for more information about the series (Japanese): http://space-dandy.com/

"Space Dandy" Synopsis

Space Dandy is a dandy in space! This dreamy adventurer with a to-die-for pompadour travels across the galaxy in search of aliens no one has ever laid eyes on. Each new species he discovers earns him a hefty reward, but this dandy has to be quick on his feet because it's first come – first served! Accompanied by his sidekicks, a rundown robot named QT and Meow the cat-looking space alien, Dandy bravely explores unknown worlds inhabited by a variety aliens. Join the best dressed alien hunter in all of space and time as he embarks on an adventure that ends at the edge of the universe!

About Bandai Visual Co., Ltd.

Bandai Visual Co., Ltd., founded in August 1983, is a Japanese company that develops, produces and distributes film, TV and home entertainment media. As a pioneer of the Japanese animation scene Bandai Visual has constantly held the top-class market share in the genre and continues to lead the market. Bandai Visual has also proven its expertise in creating and delivering quality home entertainment media packaging in Japan. Using such key strategies, Bandai Visual hopes to expand and emulate its success in North American and other international markets. Bandai Visual Co., Ltd. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Namco Bandai Holdings.