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Tasemu - January 21, 2012, 10:46 am

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K-ON's Mio's Birthday Celebrated with 1,150 Cards

The online shop of the Japanese broadcaster TBS is celebrating the birthday of K-ON! manga/anime bassist character Mio Akiyama on Sunday with exclusive birthday cards (just like on the birthdays for her band mates). In honor of Mio's January 15 birthday, the store will offer 1,150 cards while supplies last.

On Sunday, the first 650 people who spend at least 5,000 yen (about US\$65) at the "ishop" will receive the exclusive birthday cards. Another random 500 online shoppers will be selected to receive the remaining cards.

Fans have already started to celebrate her birthday at home with cakes and figures

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Mega(block)upload Site Shut Down Partly Due to Fruits Basket Anime

The U.S. Department of Justice shut down the Hong Kong-based file-sharing service Megaupload on Thursday during an ongoing investigation into the company's alleged copyright infringement. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and U.S. Justice Department announced on Thursday that seven individuals and two corporations have been charged in the United States with violating piracy laws and committing other crimes.

According to an indictment filed by a grand jury in the U.S. District Court of Alexandria, Virginia on January 5, the defendants were accused of two substantive counts of criminal copyright infringement and conspiracies to commit money laundering, racketeering, and copyright infringement. The indictment listed 103 alleged, overt criminal acts, including a 2010 incident involving a user who watched the television anime series Fruits Basket via a linking site.

The U.S. Justice Department claims that Megaupload Limited, Vestor Limited, and seven individuals gained more than US\$175 million in illegal proceeds and cost copyright holders more than US\$500 million in lost revenue. The FBI's press release labels Megavideo and its related sites and services as an "international organized criminal enterprise" responsible for large-scale worldwide piracy of various copyrighted works. As one of the largest criminal copyright cases brought by the United States, officials executed more than 20 search warrants in nine countries, confiscated about US\$50 million in assets, and seized 18 domain names associated with the alleged "Mega conspiracy" on Thursday.

Founded in 2005, Megaupload allowed users to reproduce and distribute movies, music, television programs, electronic books, and software, according to the grand jury's indictment. The legal

document also alleges that Megaupload supported the use of third-party linking websites to promote infringing content and used a business model designed to encourage illegal uploading. The U.S. Justice Department said that the company failed to delete accounts of users known to distribute copyrighted material and misrepresented that infringing copies of works were removed.

The individual defendants are citizens of Germany, Slovakia, Finland, Estonia, and the Netherlands. New Zealand authorities arrested four of the defendants, including the Megaupload founder Kim Dotcom and director Mathias Ortmann, in Auckland on Thursday. The accused individuals each face a maximum sentence of 65 years in prison for the combined charges. According to BBC News, Megaupload posted a message saying that "the vast majority of Mega's internet traffic is legitimate" and that the allegations were "grotesquely overblown" before the site was shut down on Thursday.

Last February, police in Japan's northern Akita Prefecture arrested an 18-year-old male student for allegedly using Megaupload to illegally distribute 260 manga titles.

On Wednesday, various websites participated in an Internet "blackout" to protest the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and Protect Intellectual Property Act (PIPA) bills that were proposed in the U.S. Congress.

Code Geass: Lelouch of the Rebellion Gets Film Project

Yoshitaka Kawaguchi, the producer of the Code Geass anime franchise, announced on Thursday that a film adaptation of the original Code Geass: Lelouch of the Rebellion anime is being planned. Kawaguchi specifically said that the film adaptation is for the Code Geass: Lelouch of the Rebellion story and not the separate Code Geass: Akito the Exiled.

Source: Mainichi Shimbun's Mantan Web

Update: Kawaguchi and fellow Code Geass producer Atsushi Yukawa described the film project as a "dream" project. On the screen at the event were the words "Project Launch."

Persona 4: The Golden's TV Ad Streamed

The game publisher Atlus is currently streaming a 15-second commercial for its upcoming Persona 4: The Golden video game, the PlayStation Vita port of the original Persona 4 video game that was released for the PlayStation 3 in 2008. The commercial features scenes that were not in the original PS3 game. The trailer also notes that Persona 4: The Golden will also feature new persona that were not in the original game.

Katsura Hashino, who directed the original game, is returning as producer, Shigenori Soejima is returning to design the characters, and Shoji Meguro will again handle the soundtrack. Persona 4: The Golden will be released in Japan in spring 2012.

Higurashi's Ryukishi07 to Launch New Series This Year

In a New Year's greeting on his production blog, Higurashi: When They Cry (Higurashi no Naku Koro ni) creator Ryukishi07 revealed on Monday that he will launch a new serial work this year. The title will be his first new series in a year. The title logo is now being produced, and he will announce the project when he can.

Ryukishi07 noted that the new work will have a completely different world setting than his previous works have had, so he will greatly enjoy the actual writing process.

Besides Higurashi, Ryukishi07 has created or written Umineko no Naku Koro ni, Okamikakushi, Rewrite, and Higanbana no Saku Yoru ni. The Higurashi, Umineko no Naku Koro ni, and Higanbana no Saku Yoru ni visual novel software were released under Ryukishi07's 07th Expansion dojin (self-publishing) circle.

Final Fantasy XIII-2 Demo has been released!

Last week a demo of the latest final fantasy game: Final fantasy XIII-2 was released on Xbox 360 and playstation 3.

With the game's North-American release on January 30th and the European release on February 3rd, the demo could prove helpful for those awaiting the games release. The demo features gameplay of Noel and Serah and includes fighting tutorials, some quests and an introduction to the new monster control system. Although the demo is a bit long compared to other games, but is still enjoyable to play.

I hope that most of you will find the demo as enjoyable as I did.

Bandai pulling out of the American market

A decision that was made last October, but only just being publicly announced to the public, is to recall Bandai from the American anime market. This was a big call from Bandai and one of their main reasons to do so was the ever growing cause of piracy.

Financially Bandai has been hit pretty bad and over the last 5 years it's income has shrunk substantially, and they quote to say that: "We will never return to the glory days." This is a big hard hitting statement and might knock some of those pure pirates out there to go out and buy an anime DVD or two.

Although they are backing out, they have made it clear that their current catalog of items is still available and will still be available until their retrospective licenses run out in America. So manufactures will still store those discs and when they've run out, they can still order more, but once that ever so important license runs out, that will be the end of that product. So if you are thinking about buying a certain DVD box set, make sure you buy it before it's license has ran out. Otherwise you could be relying on Online services or disappointment.

Although they are moving out, they are still staying - I know funny huh? They are still handing out sub-licenses to internet services and TV companies to use their animes. So it isn't the end for Bandai. Not yet anyway.

Man Denied Bail for 'Japanese Animation' Porn

This one might be quite interesting to you loli fans. Specially those who actually have some more explicit content on their PC's.

A man in Australia has been denied bail for Child Pornography on his computer, not only did he have REAL children in proactive acts, he had 320 "Japanese animation" (manga) pictures too. The

high court magistrate was asked if this counted as Child Pornography due to it not causing any real harm to children, but they rules out any innocence saying: "the images qualified as child abuse because the NT Criminal Code outlaws material that "depicts, describes or represents" children engaging in sex, being subjected to torture, or being shown in other degrading contexts" The judge also said some of the stories also fell into these category's.

Previously in 2010 a man was also in court due to his collection of children images from the cartoons: The Simpsons, Powepuff Girls and The Incredibles. He is now on the sex offenders list and sentenced to 12 months in prison. Although he was sentenced to non-anime/manga images, the idea still stands. Be careful out there you AA citizens. It's a wild world, and I wouldn't want any of you sentenced due to having any of the images mentioned in the article.

TASEMU INPUT: THANK JESUS IM NOT IN NORTHERN TERRITORY!

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Verilog recently made a thread about Techsperts making a 'section' of their group as an official anime group. Some members of AA have embraced it and some have objected it it, read the thread and post your opinion here: <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=2124638>

Marshmellow (who im starting to fall deeply for) has made an epic thread where he will make a render for any anime character you wish, check it out here!:

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=2126241>

Dr Achtogonapus has proposed starting a weekly anime review service, lets see how it goes aye?
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=2118112>

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Steins;Gate

Genres: Sci-Fi, Thriller

Synopsis

Steins;Gate is set in the summer of 2010, approximately one year after the events that took place in Chaos;Head, in Akihabara.

Steins;Gate is about a group of friends who have customized their microwave into a device that can send text messages to the past. As they perform different experiments, an organization named SERN, who has been doing their own research on time travel, tracks them down and now the characters have to find a way to avoid being captured by them.

AMV Scope (winwinwinwinwinwin)

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Ice Queen - January 21, 2012, 10:57 am

..uh....About the Persona 4..well, nevermind...nice issue ^^

Tasemu - January 21, 2012, 11:02 am

already covered persona 4 so i didnt want 2 stories on it.

Ice Queen - January 21, 2012, 11:04 am

oh right. My bad. :/ I didn't know. Finally I write two articles, one was for nothing T-T
I'll just do my best better next time! ^^

Marshmellow - January 21, 2012, 11:07 am

Nice issue. Lots of interesting content, so it's a good comeback.

You might want to correct the mistake in anime title under 'Series Highlight'. The title reads Ben-to, when the highlight is on Steins;Gate.

Tasemu - January 21, 2012, 1:00 pm

Thanks for the heads up Marshmellow, fixed it up just then.

Dr Achtogonapus - January 21, 2012, 1:16 pm

Hey thanks for the mention Tasemu! My review on Midori no Hibi will be up this upcoming Tuesday.

Jellal - January 21, 2012, 1:18 pm

Love reading these.

Don't really post that much anymore, just read ^^

Twisted. - January 21, 2012, 2:10 pm

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That Persona game looks cool, may be getting a Vita.

Oh, and I've got to go download that XIII-2 demo, probably picking up the game on the end of the month.

Happeh - January 21, 2012, 2:37 pm

WOAH WOAH. What's with the early release Tas? Making me look bad ere'.

Tasemu - January 21, 2012, 2:40 pm

Its sunday here haha, i try to release it on sunday when i can. Throw me your addition and ill edit it in (because it is a little early haha). ^^

Happeh - January 21, 2012, 2:42 pm

(Jan 21, 2012 03:40 PM)Tasemu Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Its sunday here haha, i try to release it on sunday when i can. Throw me your addition and ill edit it in (because it is a little early haha). ^^

Just PM'd ya buddy. Explained everything in the PM. :3

tomchez - January 21, 2012, 2:46 pm

Code Geass: Lelouch of the Rebellion Gets Film Project, can't wait for more info on this.

Nice issue once again, good job.

Happeh - January 21, 2012, 2:49 pm

(Jan 21, 2012 11:46 AM)Tasemu Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) TASEMU INPUT: THANK JESUS IM NOT IN NORTHERN TERRITORY![/color]

Not gonna lie; you made me ball out with laughter.

ARTICLE IS FOR YOU LOLI FANS. CAREFUL OUT THERE.

Rakshasa - January 21, 2012, 3:02 pm

The jail thing in Australia made me shit bricks. Right now I feel like I live on the opposite side of the earth for a reason..

Nice issue Tas, good read.

Marshmellow - January 21, 2012, 3:18 pm

If I'm arrested, my last words before going to prison would be "It's not pedophilia! It's lolicon! There's a difference", as they dragged me backwards out of court in a dramatic fashion, one guard on each arm, me screaming and my feet dragged limply after.

Ice Queen - January 21, 2012, 4:38 pm

I totally lol'd at Tas' input. XD Too bad i'm in the north T-T

Yui Hirasawa - January 21, 2012, 7:00 pm

New Higurashi VN?

Awesome to hear!, Can't wait for this.

The alleged child pornography charges?

Well, I'm from australia, and there has been several cases that happen here, A friend of mine, was caught with loli on his computer, and had it taken away from him, and forced to do community service and such, at the age of 16.

So.. sadly it is illegal here.. though It will never stop me.

I never save loli, only view it. xD

(Thank god I live in Melbourne, Don't think it applies to here).

The Mio Celebration:

Awesome to see people are celebrating :D!

I want to make a cake. o:

Marshmellow - January 22, 2012, 12:55 am

I'd make a cake if I had somebody to make it with me... You know, to actually get it right.

Ice Queen - January 22, 2012, 1:41 am

(Jan 21, 2012 08:00 PM)Yui Hirasawa Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) New Higurashi VN?

Awesome to hear!, Can't wait for this.

I believe the writer of Higurashi makes a new VN, not a new Higurashi VN.

Although I might have misread that.

Tasemu - January 22, 2012, 8:05 am

Anyone who likes Higurashi should read the authors new manga Higabana no Saku Yoru ni.

Black Hole - January 22, 2012, 9:39 pm

Woo! Am watching the anime in the AMV (bakemontagori)(or something like that) as we speak (type)!

Also..anyone know the US's stance on loli? Last I heard, s'all gewd.

Fuck you tas, bein all good at making threads and shit....making me look bad -.-

Zyptic - *January 24, 2012, 6:32 am*

Thanks for the info Tasemu. I should be fully active on HF again in a couple weeks then I can probably start helping you out around here. Good info indeed though like always.

Fox - *January 24, 2012, 1:23 pm*

Very nice weekly news as usual. ^^

I can't believe I missed Mio's birthday. >.<