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DVD Release Date Announced for *The Wonderful World of Captain Kuhio*

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TYO Group member MONSTER ULTRA Inc. (President: Koichi Kibata; Head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo), a producer of visual content, announced the simultaneous DVD and rental release on March 26, 2010 of “The Wonderful World of Captain Kuhio (*Kuhio Taisa*)”, a movie produced by this company that premiered in October 2009.

The movie is a comical depiction of actual events and is based on a novel by Kazumasa Yoshida titled “Marriage Swindler: Captain Kuhio (*Kekkon Sagishi Kuhio Taisa*)”. Captain Kuhio pretends to be a U.S. military pilot, telling women in broken Japanese that he will receive a betrothal gift of 50 million yen from the military if they agree to marry him. The title role of Colonel Jonathan Elizabeth Kuhio is played by Masato Sakai sporting a long, pointy nose. He turned in another outstanding performance following his roles in “The Triumphant General Rouge (*General Rouge no Gaisen*)” and “Antarctic Chef (*Nankyoku Ryorinin*)”.

The film was directed by Daihachi Yoshida, who has produced and directed hundreds of television commercials for TYO Group member TYO Productions Inc. (President: Hiroaki Yoshida; Head office: Meguro-ku, Tokyo). He has a long career that includes the receipt of numerous awards in Japan as well as in Cannes and at the CLIO Awards, Asia Pacific Advertising Festival and other overseas venues. In addition to his television commercials, he has earned recognition for producing music promotional videos, television dramas and short films. Immediately prior to directing “The Wonderful World of Captain Kuhio”, he made his debut directing a full-length movie with “Funuke Show Some Love, You Losers (*Funuke Domo, Kanashimi no Ai wo Misero*)”, which was selected for viewing as part of the international critics’ week at the 60th Cannes International Film Festival.

Daihachi Yoshida’s latest movie “Permanent Nobara” will debut in theaters throughout Japan on May 22, making him one of Japan’s most prominent movie directors.

[Details of DVD]



The Wonderful World of Captain Kuhio

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[Details of DVD]

■ Distributor: Amuse Software Entertainment

■ Release date: March 26, 2010 (Friday)

■ Price: 3,990 yen (with tax)

■ Length: 113 minutes

■ Bonus content

- The making of *The Wonderful World of Captain Kuhio* (How a movie is made)
- Masato Sakai on location in Los Angeles
- Interviews with cast members

(Masato Sakai, Yasuko Matsuyuki, Hikari Mitsushima, Yuko Nakamura, Sakura Ando, Kazuya Kojima, Hirofumi Arai, Masaaki Uchino)

- First-day of production greetings
- Interview with director Daihachi Yoshida
- Interview with Kazumasa Yoshida, author of the novel *Kuhio Taisa*
- Other extras (special reports, movie previews, TV clips)

[Rental information]

■ Distributor: Amuse Software Entertainment

■ Sales: Media Factory

■ Start of rentals: March 26, 2010 (Friday)

■ Bonus content: Special reports, movie previews, TV clips

[Summary of *The Wonderful World of Captain Kuhio*]

■ The plot

Colonel Jonathan Elizabeth Kuhio (Masato Sakai) is a skillful marriage swindler who captures the hearts of one woman after another by telling them stories in fluent Japanese of his brave deeds in battles. One day, he targets Haru Asaoka (age 25) (Hikari Mitsushima), an elite staff member of a museum. Although she is in charge of groups of children, he tells her simply "you hate children, don't you?" and then walks away. Haru has nothing to say in response to this meaningless statement. Afterward, Kuhio returns to his lodging with Shinobu Nagano (age 38) (Yasuko Matsuyuki), who had been looking for him. She is already crazy about him. He tells her that if she marries him, he will receive a betrothal gift of 50 million yen from the U.S. military. He also claims that he will order a wedding dress designed by the same person who designed fashions for Princess Diana. Nagano is so enthralled with him that she spends many hours studying English conversation to prepare for her social debut. The following day, Kuhio returns to Haru's workplace to tell her about his background. Haru soon begins to show an interest in Kuhio. However, Haru is not the only new target chosen by Kuhio. He has also set his sights on Michiko Sudo (age 33) (Yuko Nakamura), the leading hostess in the Ginza district. He talks to her about an investment opportunity. Kuhio is trying every technique possible. Shinobu and Haru try to do as he asks. Only Michiko resists. Finally, Kuhio's lies start to fall apart and the women become

increasingly suspicious. What happens to Kuhio? And his girlfriends? Was there any love in these relationships? Is there a future for a man who can live only in his dreams and the women he pursues?

■ Cast

Masato Sakai (Best Actor in a Leading Role, 31st Yokohama Film Festival)

Yasuko Matsuyuki

Hikari Mitsushima (Best Ten Actress in a Supporting Role; 83rd Kinema-Junpo; Best New Actress, 31st Yokohama Film Festival; Best New Actress, 34th Hochi Film Awards)

Yuko Nakamura

Hirofumi Arai

Kazuya Kojima (member of UN-JASH comedy group)

Sakura Ando (Best Supporting Actress, 31st Yokohama Film Festival)

Masaaki Uchino

■ Production staff

Director: Daihachi Yoshida (director of "Funuke Show Some Love, You Losers")

Producer: Shuji Kakimoto

Story: Kazumasa Yoshida (author of "Marriage Swindler: Captain Kuhio")

Writer: Daihachi Yoshida, Masahito Kagawa

Cinematography: Shoichi Ando

Art: Yasuaki Harada

Music: Tatsuro Kondo



■ Title song

Crazy Ken Band (VIVA Women)

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