



TOEI ANIMATION TO KICK-OFF NEW YEAR WITH WORLDWIDE PREMIERE OF “WORLD TRIGGER” SEASON 2 ON JANUARY 9

Global Streaming Partners Revealed for Highly Anticipated New Season of the Sci-Fi Action Series Which Will Stream Day and Date with Japan on US-based Crunchyroll and France’s Anime Digital Network

LOS ANGELES – December 22, 2020. Christmas came early for anime fans with today’s announcement from Toei Animation Inc. that the eagerly awaited Season Two of “World Trigger” will stream on the leading streaming platforms Crunchyroll and Anime Digital Network in France. Leveraging their collective presence, “World Trigger” Season 2 will be accessible to anime fans around the globe. In addition, Toei Animation also revealed that Season 2 will launch as a simultaneous premiere with Japan on Saturday, January 9, 2021. “World Trigger” Season 2 will be on several streaming services with a shared simulcast window. All subtitled episodes will stream day and date with the TV broadcast in Japan. Adding to the anticipation for the upcoming premiere of “World Trigger” Season 2, this past weekend Toei Animations in Japan surprised fans with confirmation that it will be producing an exciting third season of the sci-fi action series.

“We’re excited to partner with Crunchyroll and Anime Digital Network to bring ‘World Trigger’ Season 2 to fans on their streaming services,” said Masayuki Endo, president and CEO Toei Animation Inc. “We’re thrilled the new season is accessible to fans around the world and look forward to the simultaneous premiere of Season 2 together with Japan on January 9.”

“World Trigger” is based on the sci-fi action manga series of the same name launched in 2013 and written by Daisuke Ashihara. With now 21 volumes in print, “World Trigger” was initially serialized by Shueisha in Weekly Shōnen Jump before moving to Jump Square in late 2018, where it continues to be published today. Toei Animation produced the original 73-episode series, which aired from 2014 to 2016 in Japan. For this new production, Toei Animation brought together a new series director, Morio Hatano (“Dragon Ball Super” - Future Trunks saga), with key members of the original staff as well as the original voice cast. Original staff members include Hiroyuki Yoshino (series composition writer for Eps 1-48), Kenji Kawai (music composer) and Toshihisa Kaiya (character designer). A list of cast members reprising their roles follows below.

In addition to the premiere, Toei Animation is planning a special livestream event for fans which will be announced in detail at a later date. Fans are encouraged to catch up on the complete first season of “World Trigger” which is available on Crunchyroll now at crunchyroll.com/world-trigger in Japanese with English sub and English dub.

Japanese Voice Cast

<u>Actor</u>	<u>Character</u>
Tomo Muranaka	Yūma Kuga
Yuki Kaji	Osamu Mikumo
Nao Tamura	Chika Amatori
Yūichi Nakamura	Yūichi Jin
Nobunaga Shimazaki	Hyuse
Hisao Egawa	Gatlin
Toshiyuki Toyonaga	Ratarikov
Mie Sonozaki	Wen Sō
Kenjiro Tsuda	Koskero
Ayumu Murase	Reghindetz
Ryoko Shiraishi	Yomi

Season 2 Synopsis

Border Defence Agency was established to counter the attacks from the "Neighbors," beings from the other world possessing unknown forces. A low rank Border agent, Osamu Mikumo (voiced by Yuki Kaji), teams up with a Neighbor, Yuma Kuga (voiced by Tomo Muranaka), and a childhood friend, Chika Amatori (voiced by Nao Tamura). They strive to win through the Rank Wars within the Border to be selected for the away squads to the "Neighborhood," the other world. Meanwhile, another attack from the Neighborhood was detected. Mikado City is still damaged from the second large-scale invasion by the largest military nation, Aftokrator. To prevent panic among the city and citizens, Border arranges a confidential interception based on the foresight of Yuichi Jin (voiced by Yuichi Nakamura) by mainly deploying selected A-Rank elite squads. But when a Gate appears, and Attacker rank #1 Kei Tachikawa (voiced by Daisuke Namikawa) set to take action, Jin sees an ominous future.

About Toei Animation Inc.

Based in Los Angeles, Toei Animation Inc. manages the film distribution of Toei Animation’s top properties, including all the *Dragon Ball series*, *Sailor Moon*, *One Piece*, *Digimon series*, *Saint Seiya*, and many others to North America, Latin America, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Toei Animation’s Los Angeles office further handles all categories of consumer product licensing based on its film and television brands within these territories. For more information, please visit toei-animation-usa.com.

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