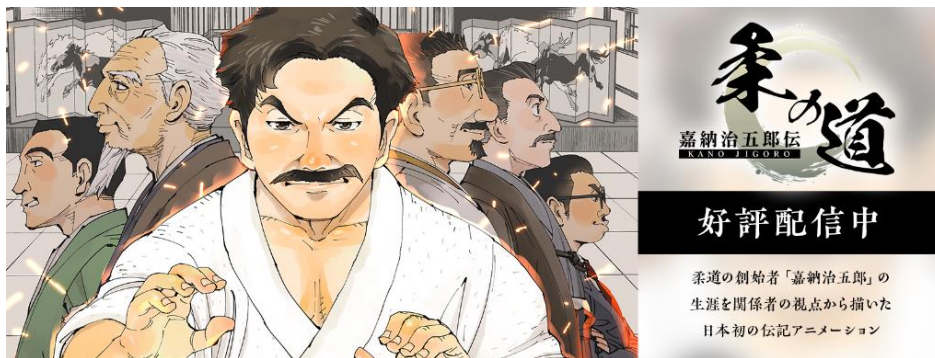


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Japan's first biographical animation of KANO Jigoro “KANO JIGORO-DEN YAWARA-NO-MICHI” will be available for watching on JAL international flights from August.

SUCCESS Corporation (Main office: Tokyo, Shinagawa, CEO: YOSHINARI Takato) will be pleased to announce that “KANO JIGORO-DEN YAWARA-NO-MICHI,” the animation depicting KANO Jigoro’s life, will be available for watching on JAL (Japan Airlines) international flights from August.



“KANO JIGORO-DEN YAWARA-NO-MICHI” Website : <https://yawaranomichi.jp/>

Animation Contents

Structure : 5 episodes, with English subtitles

Overview : Japan's first animated biography depicting the life of judo founder KANO Jigoro from the viewpoints of those involved. This animation depicts his tumultuous life, beginning with his childhood, his encounter with jujutsu, the founding of judo, his breakthrough in Japan, and his “bid for the Tokyo Olympics in his later years. Through this animation, we hope to contribute to the further development of judo by spreading the word about its origins, philosophy, efficacy, and the purpose of its practice to people around the world.

Chapter 1



KATSU Kaishu and the Story of Jigoro



KATSU Kaishu visits the last shogun of the Edo Shogunate, TOKUGAWA Yoshinobu, and talks about the young Jigoro. (15 min.)

Chapter 2



The Six Jigoro Statues



Statues of the same type as the statue of Jigoro standing in front of the Kodokan Main Building exist in six locations in Japan. ASAKURA Fumio, the sculptor who created the original, talks about Jigoro's efforts to popularize judo. (17 min.)

Chapter 3



The Truth About Sanshiro



TOMITA Tsuneo, author of the novel "SUGATA Sanshiro," tells the story of the Metropolitan Police Department martial arts tournament that led to judo's breakthrough. (15 min.)

Chapter 4



Jujutsu Out of the East



Lafcadio Hearn (KOIZUMI Yakumo), who worked at the same school as Jigoro, shares his memories of Principal Jigoro. (12 min.)

Chapter 5



Judo Spreads Its Wings



KAWAISHI Mikinosuke, known as the father of French judo, talks about Jigoro, the IOC commissioner who risked his life to bid for the Tokyo Olympics. (16 min.)

Notes:

Entertainment programs available may differ depending on the aircraft. Entertainment programs are subject to change without prior notice.

Project Structure

Supervision: Kodokan Judo Institute

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Production : SUCCESS Corporation.

Support : All Japan Judo Federation, The Japan Masters Judo Association

* This animation project was conceived by members of the Japan Masters Judo Association and produced by SUCCESS Corporation, aiming to reintroduce the world to the achievements of KANO Jigoro and the appeal of judo.

About SUCCESS Corporation.

SUCCESS Corporation is a game developer in Japan that has been in developing games for more than 46 years. Our current major activities are game development primarily related to smart phones, PCs, arcade game and home console as well. And we are good at developing multi-platform based on abundant development results.

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