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**PRIMEWORKS STUDIOS TO RELEASE
JAPANESE LIVE ACTION BLOCKBUSTER, “KINGDOM”**

PETALING JAYA, 24 JUNE 2019 - Primeworks Studios announces today its plans to release the recent Japanese blockbuster film, KINGDOM in Malaysia on 18 July 2019. KINGDOM is an action adventure film directed by Shinsuke Sato, who is also known for his other works, namely Bleach (2018), Gantz (2011) & Death Note: Light Up The New World (2016), and produced by Sony Pictures Japan. It is a live action adaptation of the popular manga series of the same name, created by Yasuhisa Hara and published by Shueisha since 2006. The manga series is currently running strong with 54 volumes and has sold over 40 million copies worldwide.

Since the film’s release in Japan on 19 April 2019, it has raked in over 5 billion Yen (USD46 million) and 3.7 million audiences at the box office, as reported by the Japanese media outlets. Kento Yamazaki, who starred in a 3-min short of the same name released in 2016, reprises his role as the film’s protagonist alongside an outstanding cast line-up that includes Ryo Yoshizawa, Masami Nagawasa, Kanna Hashimoto and Takao Osawa.

Set in China during the Warring States Period, KINGDOM tells the story of an orphaned peasant boy Shin (Yamazaki), who dreams of rising from his low status as a slave by becoming a great general. Shin has a fateful encounter with the boy destined to become the Qin emperor, Eisei (Yoshizawa), and Eisei proves to be an important ally on Shin's journey to greatness. Working together, the young boys seek to regain Eisei's throne and unite China.

“We are truly excited to present this film in Malaysia, for the manga fans and moviegoers who enjoy Asian and action adventure films. This is the first time we’re distributing a Japanese film and we look forward to bringing in many more Asian and Hollywood titles in the near future. Following Kingdom, audiences can also look forward to the release of our very own locally produced films such as Sangkar (29 August 2019), Rock 4 and Ejen Ali The Movie,” said Puan Nor Shahila Harun Shah, General Manager, Film and Drama of Primeworks Studios.

At his recent promotional visit to Singapore for KINGDOM, the 24 year-old Kento Yamazaki said, “I was a fan of the manga even before I was cast in the movie. Landing the role as Shin was exciting but filming was challenging. There was immense pressure on me because this is a very popular and well-loved manga. Additionally, Shin is a self-taught warrior so his fighting style is unique. I had to undergo martial arts training and lose weight for the role but just like the character, I put in 100 percent of my effort all the time.”

Audiences can anticipate the amazing chemistry between the star-studded cast, which has been highly talked about in Japanese media and fans of the film. KINGDOM, will be released in cinemas nationwide on 18 July 2019. For the latest updates in KINGDOM, go to www.facebook.com/primeworks.film.

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About Primeworks Studios

Primeworks Studios is an integrated company that provides solutions for every aspect of the media chain including TV and film production, content sales, film distribution and marketing, animation, talent management as well as licensing and merchandising.

It is an award-winning content company producing over 5,000 hours of compelling content annually for a range of platforms including television, cinema and digital. The production house is the creative force behind a wide range of genres including entertainment, magazine, documentary, sports, and drama programmes.

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FILM TITLE	Kingdom
DIRECTOR	Shinsuke Sato
CAST	Kento Yamazaki, Ryo Yoshizawa, Masami Nagasawa, Kanna Hashimoto and Takao Osawa
GENRE	Action, Adventure
LANGUAGE	Japanese
SUBTITLES	English, Malay & Chinese
RELEASE DATE	18 July 2019
RUNTIME	134 minutes
DISTRIBUTOR	Primeworks Studios
MOVIE POSTER	http://bit.ly/KDMPoster
MOVIE STILLS	http://bit.ly/KDMStills
KENTO YAMAZAKI'S PUBLICITY PHOTOS	http://bit.ly/KentoPics
TRAILER	https://youtu.be/wj_9ueAZkuA
THEME SONG	"Wasted Nights" by ONE OK ROCK
JAPAN RELEASE DATE	19 April 2019
JAPAN BOX OFFICE	Over 5 billion yen (USD46m) as of 30 May 2019
JAPAN AUDIENCE	Over 3.7 million as of 30 May 2019
PRODUCTION BUDGET	1 billion yen
WEBSITE	https://kingdom-the-movie.jp/

Japanese Box Office Report: <https://www.boxofficemojo.com/intl/japan/yearly/>