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Launch of New Machine “PACHISLOT GRAPPLER BAKI”

FIELDS CORPORATION (Head office: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo; President & COO: Tetsuya Shigematsu) announces the nationwide release of a new pachislot machine from NANASHOW Corporation, “PACHISLOT GRAPPLER BAKI.”

■A martial arts comic series created in the 1990s

“GRAPPLER BAKI” (original by: *Keisuke Itagaki*) is a martial arts comic series that started in 1991 in *Weekly Shonen Champion (AKITA SHOTEN)*. The story depicts *Baki Hanma*, an underground martial arts champion, fighting with various martial artists. It gained popularity due to its stirring images and stories showing a complex pattern of human relationships. Later, “BAKI” a second series, was released in 1999, followed by “HANMA BAKI,” a third series that was released in 2006. In 2014, the latest series, “BAKI-DOU,” was started, and this series continues today.



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■The “GRAPPLER BAKI” series that is popular with martial arts comic fans

The comics have sold an accumulative total of 128 volumes as a series, with the circulation exceeding 60 million copies. In 1994, the series was made into an OVA (original video anime) film and in 2001, a television anime series was broadcast. In addition, it has previously been developed into games and pachinko/pachislot machines, and it has been decided to make a television anime version of “BAKI,” the second series.

Many notable people including celebrities and martial artists are fans of the series, IP (intellectual property) that continues to be more popular than ever as a monumental work in martial arts comic, with a special television program also in the works.

■New Machine “PACHISLOT GRAPPLER BAKI”

The new machine “PACHISLOT GRAPPLER BAKI” recreates battles with many variations from battles with tough fighters in an underground martial arts arena to a fight between the main character Baki Hanma and his father, offering strong realism. High quality CG footage created for this machine enliven the world view of “PACHISLOT GRAPPLER BAKI.”

“PACHISLOT GRAPPLER BAKI” is not only for pachinko and pachislot enthusiasts but a wide range of people, including anime fans. The machine is scheduled for delivery in May 2017 to pachinko halls throughout Japan.

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