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Launch of New Machine “Pachislot Ys I & II”

FIELDS CORPORATION (Head office: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo; President and COO: Tetsuya Shigematsu) announces the nationwide release of a new pachislot machine from RODEO Co., Ltd., “Pachislot Ys I & II.”

■ *Ys*

Ys is a series of action roleplaying games (RPGs) first released in 1987 by NIHON FALCOM CORPORATION, and is widely regarded as a pioneer of the action RPG genre. Since the release of the first installment, *Ys I*, the series has remained popular for over 30 years, and has sold a total of more than 4.8 million games.

With its exhilarating action, fast-moving storyline, high-quality graphics, and pleasing background music, the highly popular *Ys* series continues to attract the support of game fans of all ages.

(Reference) The official *Ys* website can be found at: https://www.falcom.co.jp/ys_portal/ (Japanese only)



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■ Expansion into a wide range of media

The *Ys* franchise has developed and now includes not only games but a wide range of media including original video animations and publications, and is said to be a pioneering example of media crossover in the gaming industry. Novels and comics that follow the content of the original games have been published, while original material has also been released in the form of side stories and anthologies. In addition, the game music has received widespread attention for the variety of timbres—based on outstanding music programming—it contains, and a large number of related CDs have been launched, centered on the original soundtrack. Including re-releases, over 100 albums have been released in total.

■ New machine “Pachislot Ys I & II”

Ys, the pioneering action RPG game, has now launched as a pachislot machine. The machine’s gameplay takes inspiration from elements of RPG gameplay: players earn gold as the game progresses, use it to purchase items, and the players’ own choices strengthen ART (Assist Replay Time). By recreating the *Ys* worldview and gameplay, the pachislot machine marks a new addition to the *Ys* series media mix.

This machine is not only for pachinko and pachislot enthusiasts but a wide range of people, including the game fans. The machine is scheduled for delivery in September 2017 to pachinko halls throughout Japan.

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