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Attention culture and entertainment editors

Hirokatsu Kihara in Montreal

MONTREAL – May 2nd, 2018. Otakuthon announces today its newest guest of honour from the Japanese industry: Hirokatsu Kihara.

Formerly involved with the production desk at Studio Ghibli, Hirokatsu Kihara was involved in the hit anime *Laputa: Castle in the Sky*, *My Neighbour Totoro* and *Kiki's Delivery Service*. Nowadays he writes ghost stories and MCs at monster conventions. He has also done some voice acting work, most notably as the role of Minister of Defense in *DC Super Heroes vs. Eagle Talon*. His most famous work is *Tales of Terror: Haunted Apartment*. He has been a crucial contributor to many other hits in this genre.

"We are thrilled to welcome Mr Kihara to Canada" declares Stefan Latour, co-president of the festival. "His production knowledge on so many notable Studio Ghibli films will be a special treat to many fans of his work."

It will be possible to meet Mr Kihara from August 3rd to August 5th 2018 at Otakuthon. Other guests include Capcom Live, fhána, Maidreamin and many more. Every music guest will perform on stage at the festival. Visit Otakuthon's web site for the complete and up to date guest list.

WHEN? : Friday August 3rd, 2017 from 10 AM to 6 AM
Saturday August 4th, 2017 from 10 AM to 6 AM
Sunday August 5th, 2017 from 10 AM to 6 PM

WHERE? : Palais des congrès de Montréal
201 Viger Ouest Avenue
Montreal (Québec) H2Z 1H2

ABOUT OTAKUTHON

Otakuthon is Canada's largest bilingual festival celebrating Japanese animation (anime), graphic novels (manga), gaming, and pop culture. The first of its kind in Montreal, Otakuthon is a full-fledged, bilingual anime convention that features a number of special guests as well as many panels, activities and events spotlighting all the aspects of the Japanese culture. Each year, the event is organized by passionate volunteers who give their free time to make a convention for fans by fans.

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