



#### Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan "GUNDAM NEXT FUTURE PAVILION"

# Announcement of New Film for

### "GUNDAM: Next Universal Century" in the Pavilion

A Fully Immersive and Impressive Experience of the "New Universal Century"

"THE GUNDAM BASE" Store Opens for a Limited Time on Friday, April 4, 2025, GUNDAM Merchandise Mass at Umeda, Osaka Raising the Excitement Levels in Osaka/Kansai Area Through Various Touchpoints

Bandai Namco Holdings Inc. (Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President & Representative Director: Masaru Kawaguchi) announced today a promotional video containing parts of the new film for "GUNDAM: Next Universal Century" that can be experienced in the "GUNDAM NEXT FUTURE PAVILION," one of the Pavilions of the Private Sector, for the Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan. Also, the synopsis of the story behind this experience, the main visuals, the voice casts, and the production staffs are listed below.

Limited-time "THE GUNDAM BASE" store will open on Friday, April 11, 2025, with the GUNDAM merchandise massing at the Daimaru Umeda store in Osaka. The excitement levels in Osaka/Kansai will be raised through various touchpoints outside the Expo's venue. The "GUNDAM NEXT FUTURE PAVILION" will connect people across the globe through GUNDAM and aim to provide the opportunity to think about the "future."



the new film for 『GUNDAM: Next Universal Century』 main visual

# New film available in the pavilion The promotional video of the "GUNDAM: Next Universal Century" released

Large screens with a maximum size of 18m x 8m and the Haptic Floor powered by Sony's Haptics technology will be installed to deliver a delicate and highly immersive sensation for each phase of the pavilion. A 360 degree fully immersive and impressive experience of the "New Universal Century" and "The Future Co-existing with Mobile Suits" will be delivered through the new video in high-definition graphics provided by Unreal Engine 5 (\*1).

GUNDAM Channel: https://youtu.be/IGfWPhEHlwk



#### Synopsis

A.D.2150. Visiting Yumeshima, you join an observation tour of the giant space station Star Jaburo. With Haro as your guide, you board an orbital elevator and begin a journey to an altitude of 36,000 km. At Star Jaburo, circling the Earth in geostationary orbit, various mobile suits are working to continue the advance into space. Then a sudden incident occurs, as something strange happens to the space debris they are trying to remove...

#### Cast & Staff

Cast	
Exce	Gaku Hamada
Рое	Tao Tsuchiya
Goolow	Yuki Totsuka
Ryzn	Sho Kaneta
???	Shinji Takeda
Announcer	Takumi Saitoh

Staff	
Planning & Production	SUNRISE
Original Story	Hajime Yatate, Yoshiyuki Tomino
Director	Takanori Tsujimoto
Script/Setting Research/Special Setting Lead	Shigeru Morita (Studio Nue, Inc.)
Mechanical Design	Kunio Okawara, Mika Akitaka, Takashi Miyamoto
Marking Design	Hajime Katoki
Art Setting (Planning)	Tomoaki Okada
Color Designer	Nagisa Abe
CG Director	Yusuke Kumano
Modeling Director	Keito Morita
Music	Evan Call
Ending Theme	Evan Call feat. Uyanga Bold "Dream Beyond Forever"
Produced by	Bandai Namco Filmworks Inc.

**The "GUNDAM NEXT FUTURE PAVILION Cast Special Interview Video Vol.1"** will be released on Sunday, February 23, 2025. Please look forward to the messages from the casts. GUNDAM Channel: <u>https://www.youtube.com/@GUNDAM</u>

#### <Pavilion Overview>



The life in space that is commonly depicted in the GUNDAM series or the futuristic technology that is not developed yet is something the GUNDAM NEXT FUTURE PAVILION interprets as a possibility for the near future. The pavilion will provide new immersive videos and demonstrations with the pavilion space from phase 0 to 7. The participants will enjoy the experience of traveling from the Space Port located at Yumeshima, Osaka to the "Star Jaburo" station via the orbital elevator under the setting of the new Universal Century. In the world where humanity and mobile suits coexist together shown in the video, various mobile suits (<sup>'2)</sup> like the GUNDAM equipped with the "Glass Feather" backpack and HARO with a new design make an appearance. The life-sized GUNDAM statue exhibited outside the venue is another highlight as well (<sup>\*3)</sup>.

Photos taken on Jan. 2025



Pavilion Name	GUNDAM NEXT FUTURE PAVILION
Exhibition Period	Sunday, April 13, 2025 ~ Monday, October 13, 2025 *based on Expo's schedule
Exhibition by	Bandai Namco Holdings Inc.
Official Website	https://www.bandainamco.co.jp/gundam-next-future-pavilion/
Official Social Media (X)	https://x.com/gundampavilion

(\*1) Unreal Engine 5 is a 3D computer graphics tool developed by Epic Games in the United States.

(\*2) Mobile suits are humanoid weapons in the GUNDAM series. It is depicted with a new role to co-exist with humanity in the "GUNDAM NEXT FUTURE PAVILION."

(\*3) The life-sized GUNDAM statue in the pavilion will not have the "Glass Feather equipment."

How to enter the GUNDAM NEXT FUTURE PAVILION

In addition to the purchase and reservation of the entrance ticket to the Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan, you will need to apply to the "pavilion reservation (lottery)" of the GUNDAM NEXT FUTURE PAVILION. Please visit the <u>Ticket Information | EXPO 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan Official</u> <u>Website</u> for reserving and purchasing the entrance ticket and to apply for the pavilion reservation.

#### GUNDAM Merchandise Mass at Daimaru Umeda Store in Osaka -"THE GUNDAM BASE POP-UP WORLD TOUR in Osaka" store will open for a limited time

There will be a variety of GUNDAM products, including figures, cards, and miscellaneous goods, centered around the "Gunpla," the plastic models of the GUNDAM series. The charm of GUNDAM will be spread from Osaka to the world.

Store Name: THE GUNDAM BASE POP-UP WORLD TOUR in OSAKA Period: Friday, April 11, 2025 ~ Monday, October 13, 2025 Location: Daimaru Umeda Stora 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Kitaku Umeda, Osaka City Official Website: <u>https://bandai-hobby.net/site/gbase\_worldtour/osaka</u>



• Entry will be limited if the venue becomes too crowded. Please check the store's official website for details.

## Plastic model that partly incorporates the chemical recycling resin is released The kit for the mobile suit from the pavilion video is available

BANDAI SPIRITS Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of Bandai Namco Holdings Inc., will release a plastic model that incorporates chemically recycled resin as part of its raw material. It is a part of the effort to develop environmentally friendly materials and continue creating for a sustainable future. It will be available for sale from April 2025, at "THE GUNDAM BASE POP-UP WORLD TOUR in OSAKA" at the Daimaru Umeda store.

#### Release Details:

https://www.bandaispirits.co.jp/press/2025/250221.php



EXPO2025 1/144 RX-78F00/E GUNDAM (EX-001 Glass Feather Backpack) Chemically Recycled Ver. 3960 JPY (10% tax included) / Released in April 2025

There are also plans to release various merchandise or a guidebook filled with the charm of the GUNDAM NEXT FUTURE PAVILION.

Bandai Namco Holdings Official Website: <u>https://www.bandainamco.co.jp/</u>

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