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New Year's Eve event press conference material

Dear all media

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Thank you very much for covering our New Year's Eve MMA event. Considering the venue's policy and regulations, there are a few things that are needed to be followed. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

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RIZIN FIGHTING WORLD GRAND-PRIX 2015 Executive Committee

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Event Concept

What do we seek in the future of fighting — .

It is not to integrate all the existing fight promotions all over the world.
It is to create a platform where each promotions and fighters can compete while they keep their diverse culture, customs and characteristics.

It is said that there are more than 1,000 fight promotions exists globally these days. [RIZIN FIGHTING WORLD GRAND-PRIX] is the event where the top competitors from these organizations will gather and compete to determine the best. The historical first event will be an 8 man tournament held over the course of 2 days December 29th and 31st, at the holy ground of MMA Saitama Super Arena. There have been many events held in the past, but this will be the first time in history in which multiple organizations throughout the world participate at this scale.

There are many sports with [championship games] all over the world, such as the FIFA World cup and UEFA Champions League for soccer, World athletics championships and Aquatics championships, World cup volleyball, World cup rugby and so on. We are not here to compete with existing organizations as a sole promotion, we are here to structure a federation and to host, hold and operate fight.

[RIZIN FIGHTING WORLD GRAND-PRIX] will be the first fight event to be holding the [Championship games = Mega tournament] held at a global scale. Our goal is to build a structure where [RIZIN FIGHTING WORLD GRAND-PRIX] will continue to be held 10 years, 100 years from now, and the sport to be loved and accepted throughout all cultures globally, and eventually becoming an Olympic sport.

RIZIN FIGHTING FEDERATION will start the new chapter for fighting.

Event Summary

Name - RIZIN FIGHTING WORLD GRAND-PRIX Saitama 3 days

Date - December 29th 2015 (Tue) Gates open at 2:30 pm / Event starts at 4:00 pm

December 31st 2015 (Thu) Gates open at 2:30 pm / Event starts at 4:00 pm

-We will hold a "Fight Expo" at the Saitama Super Arena community arena and Keyaki area for 3 days during 12/29, 12/30, 12/31.

Venue - Saitama Super Arena

Organizer - RIZIN FIGHTING WORLD GRAND-PRIX 2015 Committee

Cooperated by - Japan wrestling association

Supported by - Saitama Super Arena, Sky Perfect JSAT Corporation, Spike,
FUJI TELEVISION NETWORK, INC.

Tickets - All assigned seating, tax included • Tickets will be required from 1 year olds

	December 29th (Tue) One day ticket	December 31st (Thu) One day ticket	December 29th (Tue) / 31st (Thu) Two day ticket
VVIP Privilege package	¥300,000	¥300,000	-
VIP Privilege package	¥100,000	¥100,000	¥150,000
SRS	¥30,000	¥30,000	¥45,000
RS	¥18,000	¥18,000	¥28,000
S	¥9,000	¥9,000	-
A	¥6,000	¥6,000	-

Privilege - VVIP tickets

Tickets can only be purchased at RIZIN office.

Please contact the RIZIN office for details and purchases

- VIP tickets

One day ticket = VIP entrance / Original items / VIP lounge / Relaxed seating / Private toilets

Two day tickets = Same privilege as one day ticket + Original pass / After party access for 31st

Ticket Sales November 21st (Sat) 10:00 ~

Information - RIZIN FIGHTING WORLD GRAND-PRIX 2015 Committee

<http://rizinff.com>

Organization Summary

RIZIN FIGHTING WORLD GRAND-PRIX 2015 Committee Chairman

Nobuyuki Sakakibara

Graduated Aichi University in 1987, employed by Tokai Television that year.

Becomes founder and CEO of UBON Inc. in April of 2002. Takes office as CEO for Dream Stage Entertainment in March of 2003. Successfully promotes mega events such as “PRIDE MIDDLE WEIGHT GRAND-PRIX”, “PRIDE OTOKO MATSURI” and praised as the “World’s best promotion”.

In December 2007, Sakakibara joins managing FC Ryukyu, a team associated with Japan Football League (JFL). He also promotes and produces shows, plays and concerts of GACKT, Glenn Miller Orchestra etc. Sakakibara is also involved in managing Arata Project which is operated by Olympic marathon runner Arata Fujiwara.

In 2015, he starts up Dram Factory World Wide Inc. and takes office as the CEO to once again, start a new challenge in the fighting industry.

RIZIN GENERAL MANAGER

Nobuhiko Takada

Takada made his pro wrestling debut under the New Japan Professional Wrestling banner in 1981. After experiencing political controversy through UWF, secondary UWF, Takada founded UWF International and became CEO of the organization.

He fought Rickson Gracie in 1997 for PRIDE 1, and continued to compete in PRIDE against top competition until he retired in 2002. After retirement, he became the general manager and stayed active as the face of PRIDE and commentator.

He is now a celebrity and stays active in many fields such as a writing, voice actor, cinema actor, and more.

Legal Department

Sun General Law office

Lawyer **Nobuo Nakamura**

Sun General Law office

Lawyer **Motonari Ohtsuru**

Former Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department Detective Department

Commissioner **Akihito Sugamura**

Cooperating organizations

Bellator MMA - *President Scott Coker*



American organization founded in 2008, currently broadcasted in US, France, Russia. Former Strike Force CEO took after the executive position and has expanded quickly as a mega event. Bellator means “Warrior” in Spanish. Names familiar to Japanese fans would be Hideo Tokoro, Josh Thopmson and many other world’s top talent are signed with the promotion.

BAMMA - *CEO David Green*



Founded in 2009, 24 events have been held under the BAMMA banner and is loved by the British fans. Not only European fighters, but fighters from all over the world participate for the organization. BAMMA is broadcasted in 6 countries.

KSW - *CEO Martin Lewandowski*



Largest organization in Poland, founded in 2004. KSW has held 36 events, and fighters from all over Europe look to participate on this stage. KSW has created National super stars like Mariusz Pudzianowski, Mamed Khalidov. They will hold their first international event in London this month.

BUSHIDO - *President Donatas Simanaitis*



A fight promotion founded in Lithuania in 1999. BUSHIDO hosts “BUSHIDO FC” for MMA events, “KOK (King of Kings)” for kick boxing fights. BUSHIDO puts on shows not only in Lithuania, but various countries in Europe such as Great Britain and Poland. BUSHIDO has had a long relationship with Japanese fight scene and have sent out fighters to promotions like K-1, PRIDE, DREAM, ZST and SHOOTO.

JUNGLE FIGHT - *President Wallid Ismail*



Founded by former PRIDE veteran Wallid Ismail in 2003 and has held 82 events since. The largest fight promotion in South America has produced many fighters who found success at the global stage, such as Fabricio Werdum, Ryoto Machida, Ronald Souza, Jose Aldo, Bibiano Fernandes just to name a few.

DESERT FORCE - *CEO Zaid Mirza*

The biggest organization in the mid-east region founded in 2010. DESERT FORCE is considered the platform where fighters from many countries in the region gather for top competition. They have held events in countries such as Jordan, UAE, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. DESERT FORCE has launched a reality television series in 2013 called “The Academy” where amateur competitors fight and train to become professional fighters.

Scheduled Fighters - 1

Fedor Emelianenko

Date of Birth: 9/28/1976 – 39 years old. Place of Birth: Russia. 183cm, 100kgs.



Former RINGS Heavy weight champion, Former PRIDE Heavy weight champion. Back in 2000, Fedor was praised as the pound for pound, 1 out of 6 billion fighter in the world. He announced his retirement in June of 2012 and became special assistant for the Russian sports ministry and the representative for Russian Martial Arts Federation. After a 3 year absence, he recently announced his comeback, and has gathered attention from across the world.

Kazushi Sakuraba

Date of Birth: 7/14/1969 – 46 years old. Place of Birth: Akita Japan. 180cm, 85kgs.



Back in the PRIDE days, he fought many legendary fights as the “Gracie Hunter”. His 90 minute battle with Royce Gracie held at the Tokyo Dome in 2000, still remains as one of the most memorable fights in Japanese MMA history. After his run in PRIDE, Sakuraba continued his MMA journey in HEROES, DREAM, and still fights in front of a crowd as a popular pro wrestler. The grand sum of the man who set fire of popularity to the sport, is something you don't want to miss.

Shinya Aoki

Date of birth: 05/09/1983 – 32 years old. Place of birth: Shizuoka, Japan. 180 cm, 70 kg.



The most decorated grappler in Japan, 25 submission wins out of 38 explains that he obviously has phenomenal finishing ability on the ground. Aoki fought for organizations such as Shooto, PRIDE Bushido, Dream and he became the central figure of the Japanese lightweight division by submitting many world class fighters. Currently he fights for ONE Fighting Championship in Singapore, where he is crowned as the lightweight champion. He continues to successfully defend his title with dominant performances.

Last year on New Year's Eve, he fought on the IGF card against Yuki Yamamoto and won by twister. This New Year's Eve, Aoki will show his evolving grappling skills and prove to the world that he is at the top of his game.

Gabrielle Garcia Team:KINGS MMA / TEAM ALLIANCE

Date of birth: 11/17/1985 – 30 years old. Country: Brazil. 188 cm. 93kg.



Gabi Garcia is called “The world's strongest female Jiu Jitsu practitioner”, and has many titles such as Brazilian Jiu Jitsu World Champion, World Jiu Jitsu Champion, Abu Dhabi Combat Champion and much more. The combination of her overwhelming physical strength and excellent technique along with the extreme popularity makes her the undeniable Queen of Jiu Jitsu. This coming New Year's Eve she will finally make her long awaited MMA debut. Gabi has been working on her striking to prepare for her highly anticipated transition. The world's strongest female Jiu Jitsu practitioner will arrive to the Land of the rising sun.

Scheduled Fighters - 2

RENA

Date of Birth: 6/29/1996 – 24 years old. Place of Birth: Osaka Japan. 160cm, 50kgs.



RENA is a female kick boxer who possesses the beauty, technique, strength and is one of the most popular figures in Japan's kick boxing world. She started training Shoot Boxing at 12 years old, and made her professional debut in 2007. Although she lost her debut bout, she continued to build her career and in 2009, she entered the prestigious event, the Girls S-CUP. RENA ended up winning the tournament, and did the same in 2010 and became the undisputed woman's champion for Shoot Boxing. She has continued to retain her status by defeating opponents from abroad, and now she seeks her next challenge in a different field.

Will the beautiful champion from Shoot Boxing show a beautiful knock out on New Year's Eve.

Special One Match



Kazushi Sakuraba

VS



Shinya Aoki