Kinokuniya to launch Abu Dhabi Bookstore in 2020

Kinokuniya Company Ltd (Chairman and President Masashi Takai) is pleased to announce the opening of their new bookstore in Abu Dhabi in 2020.

Kinokuniya's Abu Dhabi store will be their 33rd store overseas, and their second in the UAE, following the Dubai store. This new store will be located in "The Galleria Al Maryah Island" shopping mall, which is scheduled for expansion in September 2019.

In 2008, Kinokuniya opened their Dubai store in Dubai Mall, one of the world's largest shopping malls, comprised of more than 1,200 shops. Since opening, Kinokuniya's Dubai store has drawn many visitors from around the world, and has been praised and highly valued by the local VIPs, including government officials of the UAE. Today, the 3,300 square meter Dubai bookstore has the 4th highest sales among Kinokuniya's chain stores, following the flagship stores in Shinjuku, (Tokyo, Japan), Umeda (Osaka, Japan), and Singapore.

The Galleria Al Maryah Island is situated in Abu Dhabi Global Market Square, an international financial free zone on Al Maryah Island. It is expected to become one of Abu Dhabi's leading shopping malls after its expansion later this year.

Abu Dhabi is the capital and political center of the UAE. In recent years, with events including the opening of The Louvre Abu Dhabi, it is also evolving into a cultural center. Kinokuniya endeavors to further contribute to the cultural development of Abu Dhabi, and by operating two bookstores in the UAE, Kinokuniya aims to expand its business in the Middle East.

<Kinokuniya Abu Dhabi Store>

Size: 2,500 square meters (2 floors) Products: Books, Stationery, General Merchandise, Café Operating hours: 10:00 – 22:00 (subject to change by day of the week.)

<Emirate of Abu Dhabi>

The Emirate of Abu Dhabi is one of seven emirates which constitute the United Arab Emirates. Its capital, the City of Abu Dhabi, is also the capital of the UAE. The emirate represents 80% of the UAE's land, holds 70% of the GDP, 30% of the population, and 90% of the UAE's oil production. Japanese-UAE relations have developed considerably not only in the field of energy supply, but also in fields such as infrastructure, cultural education, and even advanced technological fields, including space development.

<About The Galleria Al Maryah Island>

The Galleria Al Maryah Island is Abu Dhabi's super-regional mall in the heart of the city. With over 400 stores, including 300 of the world's most popular brands, 100 food and beverage options and an abundance of entertainment catering to all ages. First opened in 2013 as a luxury and fine-dining destination, on 4 September 2019 it will

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dramatically expand its offering to include a curated selection of best-in-class fashion, dining and world-class entertainment venues for the entire community.

For more information about The Galleria Al Maryah Island, please visit <u>www.thegalleria.ae</u>

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