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Reopening of Books Kinokuniya Tokyo and cooperation with Takashimaya in the
management of Kinokuniya Southern Theatre

Kinokuniya Company Ltd (Chairman and President Masashi Takai) will reopen Books Kinokuniya Tokyo on Tuesday 9 August 2016 as a specialist bookstore for foreign-language books on the 6th floor of 'Takashimaya Times Square South Building' which is managed by Toshin Development Company Ltd. and owned by Takashimaya Company Ltd (hereafter Takashimaya).

To mark the start of cooperation between Kinokuniya and Takashimaya, in the management of Kinokuniya Southern Theatre on the 7th floor of the same building, the theatre will be renamed 'Kinokuniya Southern Theatre TAKASHIMAYA' from Friday 2 September.

'Books Kinokuniya Tokyo' (Sixth Floor)

The amount of people travelling abroad for business, as well as study and leisure is on the rise due to accelerating globalisation and this has widened and diversified the audience for foreign-language books and magazines. Books Kinokuniya Tokyo will reopen as a specialist bookstore for foreign-language books with a sales floor of 1,000m² filled with one of the largest selections of foreign-language books in Japan (approximately 120,000 copies). The store carries an abundant collection of English books, and an array of French, German, Spanish, Italian and Chinese language books to welcome a wide spectrum of customers.

Our renovation has allowed us to enlarge the ranges for which we have seen increasing demands from our customers. Our section for Children's and Young Adult fiction will become one of the most extensive collections in Tokyo. We will add more English titles and carefully selected Japanese publications to our Art and Photography selection. Our Sci-fi, Fantasy and Horror section will be doubled and we will have a more comprehensive range of Japanese language textbooks. To showcase these changes, the new arrivals display, offering the hottest picks in fiction and nonfiction, will also be revamped.

Kinokuniya opened its first overseas bookstore in San Francisco, USA in 1969, and now operates 27 stores outside Japan. 'Books Kinokuniya Tokyo' will use the experience and know-how gained overseas to become an international bookstore, and an exciting place of cultural exchange for local and international customers.

Books Kinokuniya Tokyo

- Opens Tuesday 9 August 2016
- Location: South Building 6th floor Takashimaya Times Square, 5-24-2 Sendagaya, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
- Phone : +81(0)3-5361-3316, Fax +81(0)3-5361-3339
- Size: 1,000m²

- Store range: Approximately 120,000 copies of foreign-language books and magazines
- Tax refund on purchases is available for customers who are visitors to Japan, diplomats, or Japanese nationals who reside overseas. For terms and conditions for tax refund, please contact the store.

‘Kinokuniya Southern Theater TAKASHIMAYA’ (Seventh floor)

As a part of the urban development of the neighbourhood of Shinjuku, Takashimaya will participate in the management of ‘Kinokuniya Southern Theater’ with the intention of developing ‘Takashimaya Times Square’ into a commercial facility where an attractive lifestyle is found. Takashimaya and Kinokuniya will collaborate to bring the latest cultural trends to the customers through theatre performances.

In the way that Kinokuniya has been leading the Japanese theatre scene, Takashimaya continues to be the place where shopping meets art and culture. The collaboration of these two companies, both of which have been making cultural contributions to society, will make theatre-going more accessible to a wider range of people. The theatre is a valuable addition to fine shopping and dining experience that Takashimaya Times Square offers.

Kinokuniya Southern Theatre TAKASHIMAYA

- To be officially renamed on Friday 2 September 2016
- Location: South Wing 7F Takashimaya Times Square, 5-24-2 Sendagaya, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
- Size: seats 470 people

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