



SMASH! ANNOUNCES NARUTO VOICE ACTOR HIDEO ISHIKAWA AS FIRST GUEST FOR SMASH! 2016

Sydney, NSW, May 30th, 2016 — The wait is finally over! Bringing back the best and biggest convention year yet, SMASH! Sydney Anime and Manga Show is delighted to announce the first guest for SMASH! 2016: Japanese voice actor HIDEO ISHIKAWA.

With a career that spans over twenty years, Hideo Ishikawa is a Japanese voice actor who has worked on numerous titles across the anime and gaming industry. Hideo Ishikawa is best known for his roles as Itachi Uchiha (Naruto), Jushiro Ukitake (Bleach), Kiccho Fukuda (Slam Dunk), and Full Body (One Piece).

This will be the second Naruto voice actor to attend SMASH! Sydney Manga and Anime Show. Fellow Japanese voice actor Noriaki Sugiyama — best known for his role as Sasuke Uchiha — previously attended SMASH! 2015 as a special guest.

SMASH! President Andrew Qiu believes Ishikawa's guest attendance "reflects SMASH!'s ongoing commitment to bringing the best of Japanese pop-culture to Australia".

"This is our 10th anniversary year and what better way to kick off the guest line-up than with Mr Hideo Ishikawa himself," Qiu said.

"Naruto is one of Japan's successful franchises with millions of fans around the world, including Australia. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about Ishikawa's Naruto journey, and his experiences as a voice actor in the animation industry."

SMASH! Sydney Manga and Anime Show 2016 is a two-day convention to be held at Rosehill Gardens on August 20th and 21st. For more information, visit www.smash.org.au.

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