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# **BUSHIROAD SHARES FURTHER PLANS FOR ITS TRADING CARD GAME TITLES IN 2023**

Singapore (April 26, 2023) – Bushiroad International shared updates for Bushiroad English Edition Trading Card Game (TCG) titles Cardfight!! Vanguard, Weiß Schwarz and Shadowverse: Evolve for the coming months in the Bushiroad English Conference Spring 2023. The video premiered on the Bushiroad Official Channel on YouTube.



### Cardfight!! Vanguard

An English dubbed version of the "CARDFIGHT!! VANGUARD will+Dress" Season 2 animation is currently in the works.



The first episode of the original Japanese dub with English subtitles premiered on the official Cardfight!! Vanguard YouTube channel on January 14, 2023, and the season concluded on April 1, 2023.

After the resolution of the "Deluxe" tournament in Japan, Yu-yu, Raika and Touya embark on an adventure in America in search of strong fighters to challenge.

Booster Pack 10: Dragon Masquerade will be released on June 9, 2023.



List of SEC Cards Available in Booster Pack 10: Dragon Masquerade!



Special Secret Rare cards with gold hot-stamps featuring the characters that use them will be available in this release. Booster Pack products contain cards that players can use to upgrade their existing decks, or to build entirely new decks with.

In addition, Booster Pack 10: Dragon Masquerade contains collaboration cards featuring Hoshimachi Suisei and Sakura Miko from hololive production.



Originally launched in the Japanese edition, there are a total of 5 collaboration cards that will be available in this set, with 1 parallel type. These cards are regarded in-game as existing cards from the Lyrical Monasterio nation and can be used interchangeably.



Special Series 05: Festival Booster 2023 is slated for launch on July 14.





All six nations will be supported in this release, which also introduces the new ability "DressUp" for the Lyrical Monasterio nation.



Special reprints for highly-sought after PR cards will also be included in this set, along with new illustrations for 3 cards that were previously released in D Booster Pack Vol.1 - "Vairina Arcs", "Upward Acrobat, Marjorie", and "Knight of War Damage, Fosado". Special Series products are supplemental products similar to Booster Packs that players can upgrade their decks and collections with.

Special Series 06, 07 and 08 will be launched on October 6, 2023.





Also called "Stand Up Decksets", these products contain a pre-constructed deck that is playable out of the box and is meant to be a starting point for new players to pick up the game. These products also come with card supplies for storage and protection.

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Booster Pack 11: Clash of the Heroes will arrive in stores on September 15, 2023.

This product will feature upgrades for the characters from the "Cray Cross Epic" novel "Kheios", "Tamayura", "Rorowa", "Eva", and "Thegrea".



The upcoming product release schedule is as follows.

Bushiroad's flagship card game Cardfight!! Vanguard recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. The TV anime series has aired since January 2011 and over 2 billion cards have been sold through multimedia expansion worldwide. Cardfight!! Vanguard has since been adapted into comics, stage performances, and various events and collaborations with external partners.

### Weiß Schwarz

Booster Pack hololive production Vol.2 is slated for release on August 4, 2023, with an exclusive presale at Anime Expo 2023, from July 1 to July 4, 2023.





The popular talents from hololive production make another appearance in Weiß Schwarz with new cards, new talents, and new ways to play. hololive production, or simply "hololive", is a real-world virtual idol agency comprised of virtual YouTubers, or VTubers for short. Under the hololive banner, these VTubers have achieved more than 40 million subscribers on YouTube.

GUILTY GEAR -STRIVE- has been confirmed for a Winter 2023 launch.



This title was announced in the previous Bushiroad English Conference as an English Edition Original title for the English Edition of Weiß Schwarz.

Exclusive illustrations by hncl (pronounced "Hungry Clicker") will be featured in this product.





hncl has collaborated with official GUILTY GEAR projects before, and has also provided artwork for other popular games.

GUILTY GEAR -STRIVE- is the latest in a series of fighting video games developed by Arc System Works. It received praise for its visuals, revamped gameplay, and online play, and is the best-selling title of the franchise with over a million copies sold as of August 2022.

English Edition Original titles are developed for English Edition of Weiß Schwarz, and feature unique titles such as RWBY and Adventure Time among other fan-favourite Japanese animation titles like The Seven Deadly Sins and Mob Psycho 100.

Popular anime title Lycoris Recoil will be released for the English Edition of Weiß Schwarz.



More information on this title will be announced soon.

Lycoris Recoil tells the story of Takina Inoue and Chisato Nshikigi, trained assassins under the "Lycoris" program that keep the peace in Tokyo while disguised as highschoolers. Working undercover in the day at the LycoReco Cafe, they live out a normal life while dealing with terrorists, hackers and other denizens that threaten the peace of the city.

The release schedule for Weiß Schwarz is as follows.





Weiß Schwarz allows players to relive their favorite animations and games through an exciting, fastpaced card game. Popular titles such as Date A Live, That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime, and Re:ZERO -Starting Life in Another World- have graced the game, along with many others.

# Shadowverse: Evolve



The Shadowverse: Evolve World Invitational 2023 will be held in the second half of 2023.

This is the first competitive tournament circuit for the English edition of Shadowverse: Evolve.

The circuit will be conducted in three stages – Shop Qualifier, Regional Qualifier, and World Finals. Players must first participate in a Shop Qualifier at an official Bushiroad tournament store to earn an invitation to a Regional Qualifier. The top players from each Regional Qualifier will then be invited to participate in the first English-edition World Finals. Apart from that, circuit-exclusive promotional cards and items will be distributed at every stage of the event to all participants.

In addition to the *Shadowverse: Evolve* World Invitational 2023, the *Shadowverse: Evolve* Championship program was also unveiled.



Under this program, official distributors and tournament stores alike can organize competitive events for players to hone their skills. Exclusive promotional items created for this program will be distributed during these events that cannot be obtained elsewhere.

Shadowverse: Evolve booster set #2, Reign of Bahamut, will be released on September 29, 2023.





Featuring the iconic dragon Bahamut, this booster set contains powerful new cards that players can use to upgrade their existing decks, or to build entirely new decks. All six main classes as well as the Neutral class will receive new cards in this booster set.

Shadowverse: Evolve is a competitive TCG where players battle as one of six different classes, summoning followers and casting spells to defeat their opponents. The gameplay closely follows the digital CCG with the inclusion of new mechanics that allow for new ways to play.

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Bushiroad Inc. is an entertainment company known for its popular trading card games such as Cardfight!! Vanguard and Weiß Schwarz, its mobile games such as Vanguard ZERO and BanG Dream!

Girls Band Party!, as well as other entertainment contents that cater to a worldwide audience.

Bushiroad Inc. consists of 15 sub-entities: Bushiroad International Pte Ltd., Bushiroad USA Inc., Bushiroad Creative, Bushiroad Media, Bushiroad Move (HiBiKi), Bushiroad Music, Bushiroad Music Publishing, Bushiroad Fight (STARDOM), New Japan Pro-Wrestling Co., Ltd., New Japan Pro-Wrestling

of America, Inc., Hikosen Theater Company and Sopratico Co. Ltd.

Cygames, Inc. was founded in May 2011 and has since launched hit mobile games such as *Rage of Bahamut, Granblue Fantasy, Shadowverse, Princess Connect! Re: Dive, World Flipper,* and *Umamusume: Pretty Derby.* The success of its titles has allowed Cygames to expand into other media, including but not limited to manga, merchandise and anime.

Following the releases of *Granblue Fantasy: Versus* and *Shadowverse: Champions Battle*, the company is currently developing more console titles including *Granblue Fantasy: Relink*, *Project Awakening* and *Project GAMM*.

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