

Toho Co., Ltd.

Announcement of Strategic Investment in CoMix Wave Films Inc.

October 15, 2024

Toho Co., Ltd ("Toho") hereby announces that it has acquired a portion of the shares of CoMix Wave Films Inc. ("CoMix Wave Films") at the request of Mr. Noritaka Kawaguchi, the founder of CoMix Wave Films (currently Chairman and Representative Director), as described below.

## 1. Background and Purpose of the Investment for Toho

In Toho's management corporate strategy, "TOHO VISION 2032," it has identified four key focus areas as its growth strategy: "Planning & IP", "Animation", "Digital" and "Overseas". Toho is focused on strengthening the planning and development of attractive content and IP creation, while also expanding its overseas business.

Since the theatrical release of "The Garden of Words" in 2013, Toho has been privileged to participate in the production and distribution of several works produced by CoMix Wave Films. By distributing such blockbuster works as "Your Name.", "Weathering With You" and "Suzume", Toho has contributed to the spread of enthusiasm among audiences in Japan and abroad.

By establishing a capital relationship with CoMix Wave Films, Toho will contribute to improving the production environment and expanding creative opportunities at CoMix Wave Films, and Toho aim for further growth of its animation business by delivering the high-quality works produced by the company's creators to the wider world.

## 2. Shareholding after acquisition

Number of shares	Acquisition Ratio
45 shares	6.09%

## 3. About CoMix Wave Films

CoMix Wave Films is an animation studio established in 2007 as a spin-off from CoMix Wave Inc. The studio engages in a full range of operations, including film financing, physical production, theatrical distribution, package sales, and international sales of animation films. It is one of Japan's leading animation studios, with a portfolio that includes films directed by Makoto Shinkai.

To date, CoMix Wave Films has created significant social impact with films such as "Your Name.", which won Excellent Animation of the Year and Screenplay of the Year, a first for an animated film at the 40th Japan Academy Prize, and "Weathering With You", which was selected as an Official Selection for the International Feature Film Category, Country of Japan at the 92nd Academy Awards. In 2022, "Suzume" was entered into the official feature competition section at the Berlin International Film Festival for the first time in 21 years as a Japanese animation film. "Suzume" was also nominated for the Golden Globe Awards for Best Animated Feature Film. These achievements reflect the high praise that CoMix Wave Films' works have received not only in Japan but also around the world.





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Company Name	CoMix Wave Films Inc.
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Representatives	Noritaka Kawaguchi, Representative Director and Chairman Tomohiro Tokunaga, Representative Director and President
Enterprises	Planning, production and distribution of animated films Sales and import/export of videograms Author management and copyright management services
Capital	JPY42,500,000
Number of Employees	71 (as of February 29, 2024)

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