



***Harvest Moon: Light of Hope Special Edition Coming to Consoles***

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*Natsume and Rising Star Games To Bring The Classic Farm/Life Simulator To Nintendo Switch and PlayStation 4 in North America and Europe This Spring*

**Burlingame, CA. – February 7th, 2018** – Natsume Inc., a worldwide developer and publisher of family-oriented video games, and Rising Star Games, European video game publisher and long-standing partner of Natsume, today announced *Harvest Moon: Light of Hope Special Edition* will be launching on Nintendo Switch and PlayStation 4 for \$39.99/ €39.99 in May 2018.

Following the successful release of *Harvest Moon: Light of Hope* on Steam in late 2017, the Special Edition has some brand new features only available on the console versions.

"*Harvest Moon* fans have been eager to experience the series on Nintendo Switch and PlayStation 4, so we are happy to be able to give them a date to put on their calendar! The Special Edition has new features made specifically for console gamers that we will be unveiling throughout the coming months," said Hiro Maekawa, President & CEO of Natsume. "We also look forward to sharing some special bonuses to go along with the game. Fans should definitely stay tuned as we lead up to the launch this spring!"

“We are honoured to continue to work in close partnership with Natsume in order to bring *Harvest Moon: Light of Hope Special Edition* to our Harvest Moon fans and to newcomers, across Europe, Australia and the Middle East,” said Martin Defries, Managing Director of Rising Star Games. “The series has delighted game fans for many years; the versions that release this Spring will bring happiness to console gamers across the PlayStation and Nintendo Switch universe”.

In *Harvest Moon: Light of Hope*, players begin the game as they set out looking for a fresh start and new surroundings. During their voyage, their ship is hit by a monsoon and goes down. As they drift into a small harbor town, now in a shambles from the storm, it will be up to the player to help rebuild the town and save the lighthouse...but it won't be easy! Nevertheless, with some hard work growing crops, tending livestock, and gathering materials for repairs, players will be able to make new friends, start a family, revive the lighthouse, and save the town!

### **About Harvest Moon**

2017 marked the 20th Anniversary of the beloved farming/life simulation franchise, *Harvest Moon*. The game first released in North America in 1997, and has continued to see a steady rise of popularity and players, making it one of today's most beloved franchises. *Harvest Moon* is revered for being a non-violent, family oriented game for everyone, and there have been more than 31 games released in the series. A full history of the games in the franchise can be seen here: [http://www.natsume.com/current\\_game/games/hm20th/index.html](http://www.natsume.com/current_game/games/hm20th/index.html)

Players can follow the latest news for all of the beloved Natsume franchises at [www.natsume.com](http://www.natsume.com) and by scooping all of the latest Natsume updates, contests, screen shots and more at [www.natsume.com/facebook](http://www.natsume.com/facebook) and [www.twitter.com/natsume\\_inc](http://www.twitter.com/natsume_inc) .

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### **About Natsume Inc.**

Natsume Inc. is a worldwide developer and publisher that specialize in unique and family-oriented interactive entertainment software for a variety of platforms. Most known for publishing Reel Fishing and Harvest Moon, Natsume is dedicated to producing quality video games. For more information about Natsume Inc. visit [www.natsume.com](http://www.natsume.com)

### **About Rising Star Games**

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