



## **Criminal Investigation: Counterfeit DRAGON BALL, ONE PIECE Toys factory and distributors**

BANDAI CO., LTD., BANDAI SPIRITS CO., LTD. and MegaHouse Corporation, which belong to the BANDAI NAMCO group, requested the Shanghai Huangpu district Public Security Bureau (henceforth, PSB) to conduct a criminal investigation of trademark infringements against factories and distributors that were involved in the manufacture and sale of a large volume of counterfeit DRAGON BALL and ONE PIECE toys in Dongguan and Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, CHINA.

In accordance with the request, the PSB conducted a criminal investigation against the factory and distributors in August of 2019. The PSB confiscated a large number of counterfeit toys and the molds used to manufacture them. In the course of the investigation, more than 20 employees, including members of management, involved in these infringements have been arrested. The case has been transferred to Shanghai City Huangpu People's Procuratorate for criminal prosecution.

The BANDAI NAMCO group is authorized to produce and sell toys under an official licensing agreement. However, in recent years, it has come to our attention that unauthorized counterfeit products are being mass produced in many countries, including China.

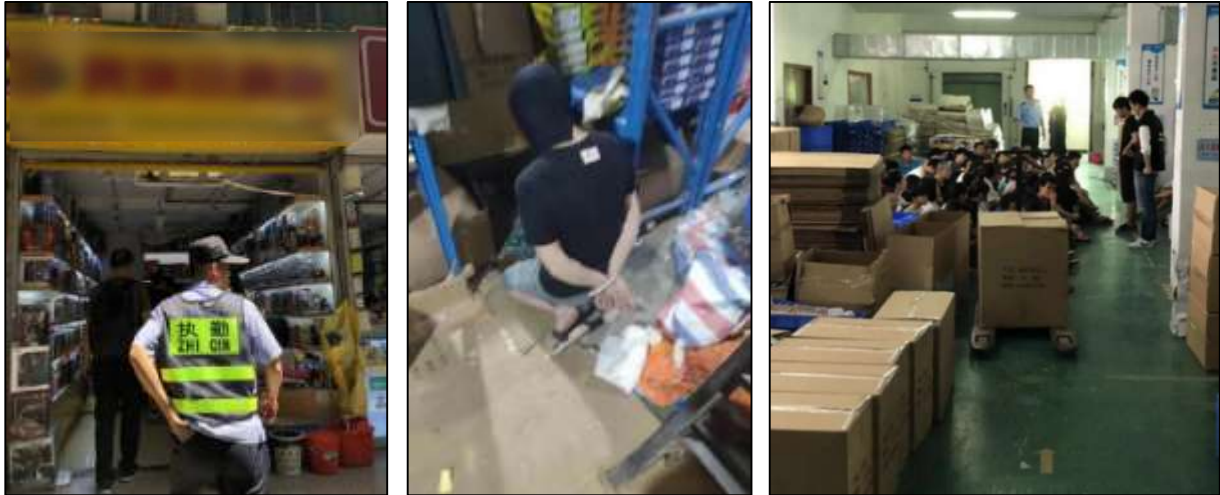
We hereby express our deep gratitude toward the generous support and action of the Huangpu District PSB. We will continue to cooperate fully with them in order to ensure that counterfeiters are prosecuted to the fullest extent possible under Chinese law.

The BANDAI NAMCO group is dedicated to providing the highest quality products and services to our loyal customers, and obligated to protect and improve our brand image. As such, we will continue to proactively protect our intellectual property rights. We will continue to remind our distributors and customers about the existence of counterfeit products, and seek all legal remedies to stem any infringement of our intellectual properties.

BANDAI CO., LTD.  
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Photographs taken during the criminal investigation

The employees of the factory and stores were placed under arrest.



Photographs taken during the raid on the factory.



The counterfeit products that were confiscated.

