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“Tomica” 50th anniversary animation
“Tomica Kizuna Gattai EARTH GRANNER
(Tomica Bond Combination EARTH GRANNER)”

**On the network of six broadcast stations affiliated with
Television Osaka and TELEVISION TOKYO
Starting from April, the TV animation will air and
related toys will be launched**

TOMY Company, Ltd.

TOMY Company, Ltd. (Representative Director, President & COO: Kazuhiro Kojima, headquarters: Katsushika-ku, Tokyo) will start airing **a TV animation “Tomica Kizuna Gattai EARTH GRANNER”** on the network of six broadcasting stations affiliated with Television Osaka and TELEVISION TOKYO in April 2020 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the sales of “Tomica” die-cast mini toy cars in 2020.

This is TOMY Company’s original animation work for children. An animation adaption of “Tomica” for a TV program is made for the first time in about two and a half years since “Hyper Rescue Team DRIVE HEAD” was aired in 2017. Besides the airing of the animation, a media mix will be developed on various fronts including related toy products, kids amusement game, and serialization in a magazine.

“Tomica Kizuna Gattai EARTH GRANNER” is a nail-biting and exciting hero battle animation depicting a secret organization “EARTH GRANNER,” which was founded to fight back against mysterious enemies invading from space after the earth’s rotation energy “Earth Energy,” and boys who fight as its members. TOMY Company is looking to create a work filled with excitements for children, such as heroes’ battle actions, car chases and other vehicle battles, and spectacular robot battles.

In line with the launch of the TV animation, TOMY Company will release various toys in April 2020, including a transformable robot toy “EARTH GRANNER LEO CHEETAH” (Expected price: JPY 6,800/tax not included) and a miniature car “CORE GRANNER LEO TOMICA” (Expected price: JPY 1,200/tax not included), which will be sold at toy stores, toy sections of department stores/mass retailers in Japan, the specialty store for TOMICA products “TOMICA Shop,” TOMY Company’s official online store “Takara Tomy Mall” (takaratomymall.jp), online stores, etc.



“Tomica Kizuna Gattai EARTH GRANNER” toy series

<About “Tomica Kizuna Gattai EARTH GRANNER” TV Animation>

The story is about twin brothers Raiga Kudō (Voice Actress: Shizuka Ishigami) and Kūga Kudō (Voice Actress: Haruna Sakurai), main characters, who transform into “GRANNER R” and “GRANNER K,” respectively, to protect the future of the earth, get into their buddy vehicles “GAO GRANNER Leo” (Voice Actor: Nobuyuki Hiyama) and “GAO GRANNER Eagle” (Voice Actor: Satoshi Hino), and wage fierce fights with enemy space monsters, with Gō Mach (Voice Actor: Jun Fukuyama) who belongs to the earth defense force “EARTH GRANNER” and is also a super race driver. GAO GRANNERS, which are vehicles, transform themselves into a giant robot “EARTH GRANNER” through “Kizuna Gattai (Bond Combination)” and spark powerful battles.

Story:

A mysterious enemy, Dark Spinner, appears from space, coming after Earth Energy radiated from the earth’s rotation energy!

Twin brothers, Raiga and Kūga, together with “EARTH GRANNER” earth defense force, stand up to the enemies to halt their ambition.

-- Can they protect the earth!?
Go! Boys! Go! EARTH GRANNER!



Raiga Kudō

Kūga Kudō

Program's Official Website:

<https://earthgranner.jp>

Broadcast Information:

Start airing on the network of six broadcast stations affiliated with Television Osaka and TELEVISION TOKYO in April 2020

Cast/Staff:

Shizuka Ishigami as Raiga Kudō
Haruna Sakurai as Kūga Kudō
Nobuyuki Hiyama as GAO GRANNER Leo
Satoshi Hino as GAO GRANNER Eagle
Jun Fukuyama as Gō Mach

Original Story: TOMY Company
Director: Shinji Ushiro
Series Composition: Yuka Yamada
Character Design: Yuko Inoue
Music: Noriyuki Asakura
Sound Director: Yasunori Ebina
Animation Production: OLM

Production:

EARTH GRANNER Production Consortium
(DENTSU INC., Television Osaka, Inc., PONY CANYON INC.,
OLM, Inc., ASMIK ACE, INC., TOMY Company, Ltd.)

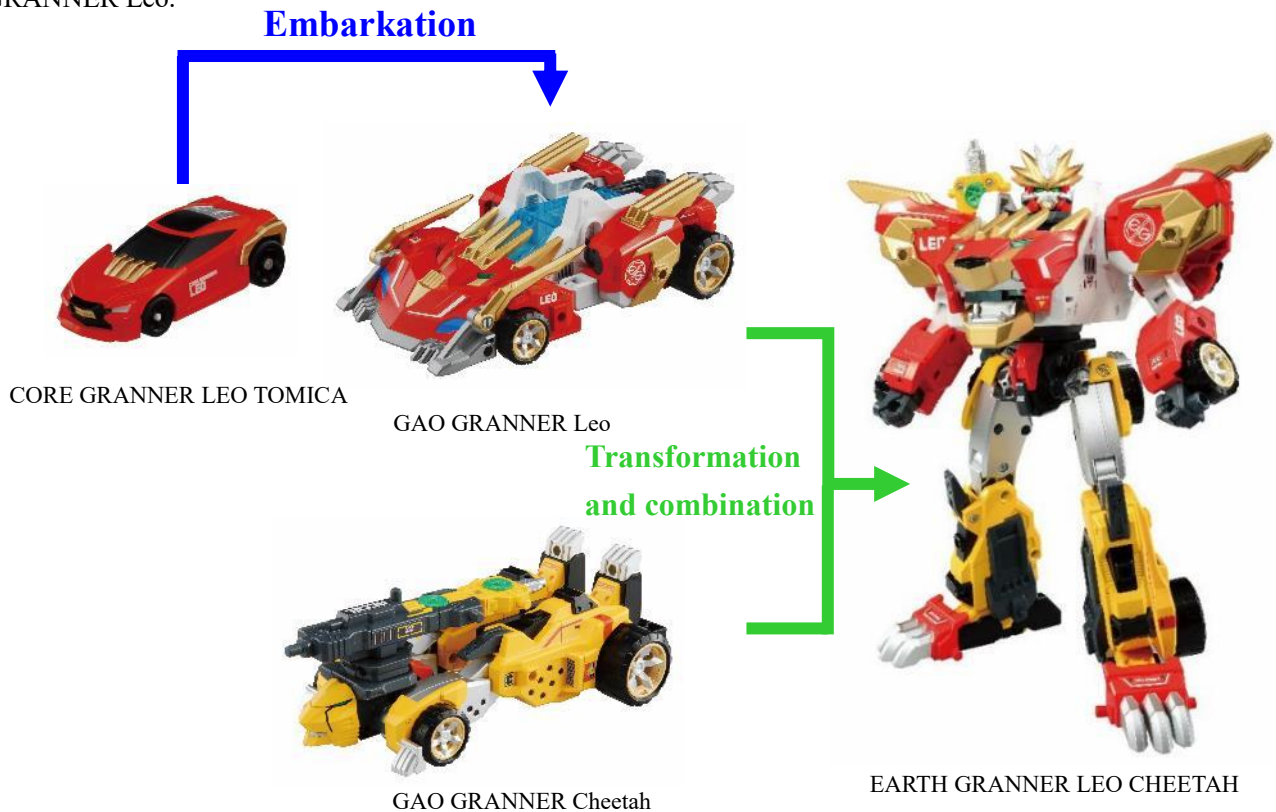


<About the Toy Series>

The toy series offers a lineup centered around **“EARTH GRANNER LEO CHEETAH”** combination robot.

“EARTH GRANNER LEO CHEETAH” is a set of large vehicle toys, “GAO GRANNER Leo” and “GAO GRANNER Cheetah.” These two vehicles can be transformed and combined into the robot form “EARTH GRANNER LEO CHEETAH” through “Kizuna Gattai (Bond Combination).”

In addition, you can also put optionally available **“CORE GRANNER LEO TOMICA”** into “GAO GRANNER Leo.”



“EARTH GRANNER LEO CHEETAH”

Expected Price: JPY 6,800 (tax not included)

Package Contents: GAO GRANNER Leo x 1, GAO GRANNER Cheetah x 1

Dimensions: W 200 x H 255 x D 150 mm (at the time of robot form)

“CORE GRANNER LEO TOMICA”

Expected Price: JPY 1,200 (tax not included)

Package Contents: Main unit x 1

Dimensions: W 32 x H 25 x D 75 mm

<Common Information>

Launch date in Japan: Scheduled in April 2020

Sales Channels: Toy stores, toy sections of department stores/mass retailers in Japan, the specialty store for TOMICA products “TOMICA Shop,” TOMY Company’s official online store “Takara Tomy Mall,” (takaratomy.com)online stores, etc.

Recommended Age: 3 years and up

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Official Website: www.takaratomy.co.jp/products/tomica/earthgranner/

<“Tomica Kizuna Gattai EARTH GRANNER” Cast Comments>

Shizuka Ishigami as Raiga Kudō



I am Shizuka Ishigami. I will voice Raiga in “EARTH GRANNER.”

This is the animation to commemorate the 50th anniversary for Tomica. Now I come to think of it, the 50th is really something!

I am truly honored to join the animation of Tomica, which has a history lasting since before my birth! Thank you! And Congratulations!!

I will put my heart and soul into the animation to give it a boost together, so I will be happy if you look forward to the airing. I hope you will enjoy it!

Haruna Sakurai as Kūga Kudō



I am Haruna Sakurai. I will be the voice of “Kūga Kudō” in “EARTH GRANNER.”

I have been so happy since I got this role that I feel giddy by myself each time I see Tomica somewhere. I have been looking forward to this very day when the information is released!

It is such an honor to be involved as a main character in the commemorative work for the 50th anniversary of “Tomica,” which is a toy brand that everyone, from children to adults, knows!

I will do my best to live up to your expectations!

Nobuyuki Hiyama as GAO GRANNER Leo



An authentic robot animation for kids awaited for a while!!

I am really excited!

Satoshi Hino as GAO GRANNER Eagle



I am Satoshi Hino and I will do the voice of “GAO GRANNER Eagle” in “EARTH GRANNER.” This is very much a dream animation packed with favorites for everyone from children to adults, particularly for boys.

I will channel my passions into voice acting to bring dreams and hopes to children around the world and to bring smiles to many people through this “EARTH GRANNER.” Don’t miss EARTH GRANNER, everyone!

Jun Fukuyama as Gō Mach



I am Jun Fukuyama. I will voice Gō Mach.

In a role like a big brother of the two main characters, my character will support the two boys and fight together with them.

I will do my utmost to voice act the cheerful, reliable and highly-skilled man!

<About “TOMICA”>: Official Website www.takaratomy.co.jp/products/tomica/>

When foreign-made miniature cars were at the height of popularity and more and more customers asked for Japanese miniature cars, “TOMICA” (Sales Agent: TOMY Company) had a burning desire to see Japanese children playing with more familiar Japanese miniature cars. In 1970, we released Japan’s first die-cast Japanese miniature car series that fit in the palm of a child’s hand. Up to now, we have sold more than 1,050 different types of cars, a total of more than 670 million cars loved by over three generations (as at January 2020). In recent years, in addition to our long-standing products, we have expanded our lineup such as with our “Dream TOMICA” Series that collaborates with characters and content popular with both men and women and our “TOMICA Premium” Series of highly detailed collection models. In addition, in April 2016, we launched full-scale licensing of the “TOMICA” brand for adults. We aim to further enhance this brand through the licensing of apparel, accessories and miscellaneous goods, stationery and everyday items designed to capture the interest of traditional TOMICA users (3–5 year old boys) as well as a wide range of other people without regard for age or gender.

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