

Cosplay Lectures • Workshops

Schedule : Aug 19 - 23, 2016 Site : Australia (Sydney, Melbourne)

■ Dispatched Expert



Goldy Takahiro Sakai

Cosplayer

Sakai has excellent building techniques as a costume model sculptor, and is skillful in fabricating armor cosplay costumes. He has been actively running cosplay costume making workshops, and has been appearing in anime and cosplay events around world.

■ Review of activities

● Sydney



Workshop in "SMASH 2016, Manga and anime Show"



Interview from local media



Performing Judge in the cosplay competition

● Melbourne



Lecture at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)



Workshop at RMIT



Article on "The Age" newspaper

■ Achievements

Sakai gave lectures and held workshops about the charm of cosplay in Sydney and Melbourne, Australia. In the lectures, he introduced historical background how cosplay became fashion in Japan and spoke about the use of cosplay in international exchanges. In workshops, Sakai shared his knowledge in building hand of armor with light materials such as polyurethane foam. He participated in subcultural event "SMASH!" as a judge in Sydney. Sakai attracted high attention from local media, and both leading newspapers and public television programs covered Sakai. In addition, Sakai built networks with pop culture enterprises, event planning companies, museums, universities and cosplayers. As a result, many expressed their wish to participate in cosplay events in Japan.