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California's FanimeCon to Host Gainax Artist Suezen (Updated)

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Eva 2.0 animator, *Yadamon* manga creator also known as *Fumio lida*

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The anime convention FanimeCon [announced](#) on Monday that it will host *Gainax* animator *Fumio lida*, also known as *SUEZEN*, as a Guest of Honor at its May 27-30 event in San Jose, California. lida has worked as an animator for *Tatsunoko*, *Walt Disney Japan*, and *20th Century Fox* in addition to *Gainax*, where he has worked as key animator or animation director on such titles as *Evangelion: 2.0 You Can (Not) Advance* and *The Wings of Honneamise*. He has also created several manga series under the name *SUEZEN*, including the series *Yadamon*, which anime studio *Group TAC* adapted into an anime series in 1992.

Fanime also [announced](#) that it will hold a special event to raise funds for victims of Japan's March 11 Higashi Nihon Daishinsai (Great Eastern Japan Earthquake) disaster, as well as announcing the three charities that will benefit from the convention's annual charity auction: the Cancer Support Community, the American Red Cross of Silicon Valley, and the APA of San Francisco.

According to the announcement, lida will take part in *Gainax*-related panels and autograph sessions during the convention. FanimeCon will also [host voice actor](#) and [singer](#) *Yūya Matsushita*, *Petit Evangelion* [designer](#) *Ryusuke Hamamoto*, *Trigun* [designer](#) *Takahiro Yoshimatsu*, *Fullmetal Alchemist/Gundam 00* [director](#) *Seiji Mizushima*, the Japanese [pop band](#) Flow, and [voice actor](#) *Tohru Furuya*. Frequent guests *Hiroyuki Yamaga* (co-founder of *Gainax*) and *Halko Momoi* (voice actress/singer) will also [return](#) the convention this year.

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Update: Added background information, image.

Update 2: Added *Yadamon* information.

Update 3: Added charity information.

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