



KOEI TECMO EUROPE ANNOUNCES NEW LAUNCH DATE FOR *DYNASTY WARRIORS 8 EMPIRES*

January 7, 2015 – KOEI TECMO Europe has announced an updated launch date of 26 February 2015 for the tactical action game, *DYNASTY WARRIORS 8 Empires*.

Additionally, the company released new assets including weapons, an epic opening movie, images and video for the new character Xun Yu. From the Wei Kingdom, Xun Yu favours the Formation Rod and is known as the King's Gifted Adviser due to the brilliant strategies and advice he dispenses. His keen insight and large network of acquaintances has made him skilled at evaluating people, resulting in the discovery of many adept officers.

New, favoured weapons for 9 different characters in *DYNASTY WARRIORS 8 Empires* include:

- Deng Ai's Revolving Crossbow: Can be used for long and short-range attacks and is capable of rapidly firing multiple arrows.
- Guan Suo's Sabatons: Equipped on the feet they are focused solely on kicks and able to launch combo attacks in the air.
- Lianshi's Mandarin Duck Hooks: Wielded in both hands, it makes up for its short reach with sheer speed.
- Liu Shan's agile Dragon Column: Known for its variety of special counterattacks.
- Meng Huo's hefty Stele: Transforms into a palm tree or other items during Strong Attacks, Sun Quan's Flame Blade: A well-rounded powerful sword, enveloped in flames with fast attack speed at distances both near and far.
- Wang Yi's Emei Piercers: Used primarily by assassins, it has a short reach, but is capable of multiple rapid attacks.

- Xiaoqiao's Paired Fans: Create a flurry of small tornadoes that fly freely in the air.
- Yueying's Bladebow: Combines a crossbow with a short-range sword that fires a homing arrow after multiple shots are executed.

DYNASTY WARRIORS 8 Empires focuses deeply on the chaotic lives of the warriors as their fateful decisions affect the rise and fall of the nations they bravely fight for. Players can select from 83 unique characters, or create their own original character with a multitude of options through the edit function. Visual customisation extends with the newly implemented ability to customise horses, banners and "normal" officers.

Courageous warriors trudge through Ancient China with its vast plains, bleak wastelands, narrow ravines and immense castles as they slash through enemy lines. In ***DYNASTY WARRIORS 8 Empires***, warriors must fight against not only enemies but also the forces of nature as the changing seasons bring new elements to the more than 35 battlefields affected by seasons and the passing of time.

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