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## **NATSUME'S RUNE FACTORY 2: A FANTASY HARVEST MOON FOR NINTENDO DS™ GOES GOLD**

*The Sequel to the Critically Acclaimed RPG Hits Retail Next Month*

**Burlingame, Calif., October 21, 2008** – Natsume Inc., a worldwide developer and publisher of family-oriented video games, announced today that *Rune Factory 2: A Fantasy Harvest Moon* has officially gone gold and will be available for the Nintendo DS™ this holiday season. The *Rune Factory* series combines the fun and rewarding gameplay of *Harvest Moon* with the fantasy and excitement of an action-RPG, offering *Harvest Moon* fans and traditional RPG players the best of both worlds. *Rune Factory 2* is rated E for Everyone by the ESRB and will ship on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

"It is exciting to be just a few weeks away from delivering this highly anticipated title to gamers," said Hiro Maekawa, President and CEO at Natsume. "*Rune Factory 2* offers easy-to-use menus, an all-new compelling storyline, and deep, involving gameplay. Fans and newcomers alike will be delighted with this all-new adventure."

*Rune Factory 2* is set several years after the first game. The evil Sechs Empire has been defeated, and the Kingdom of Norad is once again at peace. Things may not stay that way for long, however, as strange disturbances in the earth warn that a great evil is stirring. It's up to player to uncover this new threat to the land and bring peace to the kingdom once more. Over the course of the story, players will build and develop a farm, befriend townspeople, raise monsters, take on quests, and find a wife.

In a first for the *Rune Factory* series, the story of *Rune Factory 2* is multigenerational. Players begin the game as Kyle, a strange man who comes to Alvorna Village. Eventually, players will take on the role of Kyle's child, opening up a whole new adventure. It's an innovative feature that allows players to follow the story of their family and the townsfolk over two generations!

There is still time to pre-order the game and receive the exclusive gift! Those players who pre-order *Rune Factory 2: A Fantasy Harvest Moon* for Nintendo DS from Amazon.com or who purchase the title from GameStop (gift with purchase) will receive an exclusive adorable squirrel plush while supplies last. Visit: Amazon at [http://www.amazon.com/Rune-Factory-Fantasy-Purchase-Nintendo-DS/dp/B001BWRBA8/ref=pd\\_rhf\\_p\\_img\\_1](http://www.amazon.com/Rune-Factory-Fantasy-Purchase-Nintendo-DS/dp/B001BWRBA8/ref=pd_rhf_p_img_1). or GameStop at [http://www.gamestop.com/Catalog/ProductDetails.aspx?product\\_id=72196](http://www.gamestop.com/Catalog/ProductDetails.aspx?product_id=72196).

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Natsume Inc. is a worldwide developer and publisher that specialize in unique and family-oriented interactive entertainment software for a variety of platforms. Most known for publishing *Reel Fishing* and *Harvest Moon*, Natsume is dedicated to producing quality video games. For more information about Natsume Inc., visit [www.natsume.com](http://www.natsume.com).

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