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CAPCOM® INTRODUCES *ONIMUSHA™ BLADE WARRIORS* HEROES FROM ONIMUSHA SERIES STAR IN AN ALL NEW ACTION FIGHTING GAME

E3, LOS ANGELES – May 14, 2003. – Capcom[®] Entertainment has announced plans to release **Onimusha[™] Blade Warriors** this winter for the PlayStation[®]2 computer entertainment system. A multi-battle action fighting game based on the award winning *Onimusha* world, **Onimusha Blade Warriors** challenges players to battle with up to three other human opponents or play a single player game against computer controlled opponents. **Onimusha Blade Warriors** brings together for the first time famed Japanese actors, Takeshi Kaneshiro as Samanouske Akechi from *Onimusha: Warlords* and the late Yusaku Matsuda, known for his role in the 1989 film <u>Black Rain</u>, as Jubei Yagyu from *Onimusha 2: Samurai's Destiny* as the main characters in the title.

Onimusha Blade Warriors boasts the following features:

- New Style of Play Onimusha Blade Warriors is an entirely new concept that pushes the action element in the series to an all-new level. The design of the game provides lightening quick sword slashing and the ability to strike down opponents one after the other.
- Variety of characters Onimusha Blade Warriors lets the player take the reigns of both the heroes and the enemies of the Onimusha world. Players can fight as the noble Samanosuke Akechi and Jubei Yagyu or play as sub-characters including the various creatures from the series.
- Flashy Effects In efforts to pursue the essence of a true multi-player game, the action is quick and the game's effects will focus big hits and showcase them with hard-hitting visuals.
- Various Stages Each stage is very dynamic and players will find that they are able to interact with much of the background or that the background is moving as effected by environmental elements such as wind.

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