

**MMD-compatible Tsumugi Shirai (small) model available for free on Niconi Solid!  
Also announcing Knights of Sidonia Niconico Video contest!**



Polygon Pictures ("PPI," President and CEO: Shuzo Shiota, Head Office: Tokyo, Japan) is proud to announce the official, MMD-compatible model of Tsumugi Shirai (small) from the TV anime *Knights of Sidonia: Battle for Planet Nine*, planned to begin broadcast this April (original work: Tsutomu Nihei, serialized in *Monthly Afternoon* by Kodansha, TV series production by KOS Production Committee), will be available for free on the CG content sharing website Niconi Solid (<http://3d.nicovideo.jp/>), operated by Niwango Inc. (CEO: Seiji Sugimoto, Head Office: Tokyo, Japan).

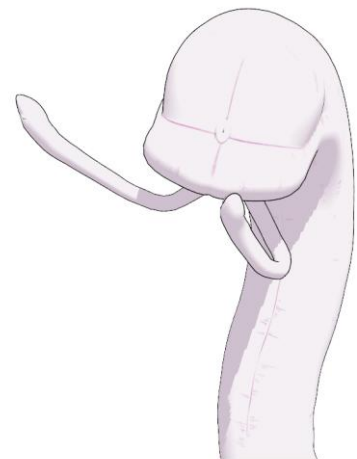
Tsumugi Shirai is one of the characters who will be appearing in the anime series *Knights of Sidonia: Battle for Planet Nine*, which will begin broadcast in April this year. The official MMD-compatible model for this character will be available only on the Niconi Solid site. Be sure to download it and try it out!

In addition, to commemorate the new series *Knights of Sidonia: Battle for Planet Nine* which starts broadcast this April, a video contest, titled *Knights of Sidonia x Niconico Video: Gravity Video Festival* will be held on the video sharing site Niconico Video (<http://www.nicovideo.jp/>), operated by Niwango Inc.

This contest will allow users to post their own *Knights of Sidonia* creations in the form of comics, animations, etc., using models purchased from Sidonia-dou, on the Niconico Video website. Anyone can enter.

Entries are planned to be accepted until the end of May 2015, with fabulous prizes for the winners. Please enter and be in for a chance to win!

For more details on this contest, please see the *Knights of Sidonia* campaign page ([http://ch.nicovideo.jp/knightsofsidonia\\_CP](http://ch.nicovideo.jp/knightsofsidonia_CP)) at Niconico Video.



### About Online Shop Sidonia-dou

The limited-time online shop for the official 3D models used in the TV series *Knights of Sidonia*. It is operated by Amana Inc., with the full cooperation of Polygon Pictures, the animation studio in charge of the series' production. Several items are also available to download for free, so please try them out! Duration: November 5, 2014 - October 30, 2015 (planned)  
Site URL: <https://sidonia-3dmodel.com/>



All products sold on the Sidonia-dou site may be used only for personal, non-commercial works (images, videos, games, etc.). Videos or still images created using 3D models purchased from the Sidonia-dou site may be posted/shown at no charge on video sharing sites (Niconico Video, Niconico Images, YouTube, etc.). For more information please see the Frequently Asked Questions or the Terms of Use on the Sidonia-dou site.

### About MikuMikuDance

Created by Yu Higuchi, this software allows users to create computer animation for preset 3D character models. Many video works have been created to date using this program.

### About Knights of Sidonia

This popular mecha sci-fi manga by Tsutomu Nihei is currently serialized in Kodansha's monthly magazine *Afternoon*. Fourteen volumes of the comic have been published in book form, and the animated TV series was broadcast in Japan April-June 2014 on MBS and other channels. *Knights of Sidonia: The Movie* is also playing at cinemas now. From April the series will continue with the planned broadcast of *Knights of Sidonia: Battle for Planet Nine*.

Story: It's been a thousand years since the Gauna, a strange alien race with no known method of communication, destroyed the solar system. A portion of humanity managed to escape using enormous "seed ships" like the Sidonia, which have allowed them to maintain the population as the ships drift through space. Nagate Tanikaze is a young man who has been raised deep in the bowels of the ship. When he goes into training to pilot the huge robotic weapons known as Gardes, Nagate is entrusted with piloting the legendary unit known as Tsugumori. Nagate and his fellow pilots put their lives on the line against the Gauna, in the ultimate battle for the survival of humanity!



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## About Polygon Pictures



Founded in July 1983, PPI is one of the largest digital animation studios in Japan and produces cutting-edge entertainment content in keeping with our mission to "do what no other has done, in unparalleled quality, for all the world to see and enjoy."

Including our Malaysian subsidiary studio Silver Ant PPI Sdn. Bhd., and visual software development company J Cube Inc., we have brought together over 400 creators from around the world. Together as the Polygon Family, we devote our days to producing digital content for all types of media. Our notable works include *Transformers Prime*, *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* (both Daytime Emmy award winners), *Tron: Uprising* (Annie award winner), *Knights of Sidonia* (Director: Kobun Shizuno) and *Ronia the Robber's Daughter* (Director: Goro Miyazaki), and more.

By fusing our unrivalled technical and production planning know-how with the internationally recognized quality of Japanese animation, PPI aims to become a leading company in the content business. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.ppi.co.jp>.

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