

# Path of Exile Launches in Taiwan

## Core game releases with Taiwan-specific pets and weapon effects, prepares for boost in already expanding community

**Auckland, New Zealand - August 14, 2014 -** In partnership with leading Asian publisher Garena Online, Grinding Gear Games, developer of the critically-acclaimed action RPG *Path of Exile*, today announced that the award-winning game is now available to gamers in Taiwan.

Launching with Traditional Chinese language support, Grinding Gear Games has high expectations for the Taiwanese version of *Path of Exile* and its rapidly growing community based on the huge participation in the region's Closed Beta.

Grinding Gear Games plans to introduce several core, Taiwan-specific and Taiwan-inspired microtransactions to the Taiwanese version of *Path of Exile*, which include the exclusive Formosan Bear and Formosan Deer pets as well as Asian-inspired weapon skins. Additionally, all expansion content for *Path of Exile* will be made available to Taiwanese players, with the first two (*Forsaken Masters and Sacrifice of the Vaal*) planned for release later this year. Future improvements to the core game will also be implemented based on community feedback, such as item-trading enhancements, custom Challenge League properties, and a full PvP tournament system.

Retty Liu, CEO of Garena Taiwan & Head of Group Game Operations for Garena Online, said, "Working with Grinding Gear Games has been a real privilege as well as a pleasure, and we could not have asked for a better partner to bring this unique game to Taiwanese gamers. Path of Exile is an extremely polished product in all aspects, from its innovative gameplay to its immersive story and distinct art style, and we are very excited to be announcing the official launch of the Chinese version of Path of Exile today."

For more information and to begin playing for free, please visit the official Path of Exile website at <u>www.pathofexile.com</u>.

## About Path of Exile

Path of Exile is an online PC action role-playing game set in a dark fantasy world. Featuring ethical microtransactions, the game is free-to-play, but never pay-to-win. Playing as one of seven character classes, players find themselves banished for their past misdeeds to the dark fantasy world of Wraeclast. There, they encounter hundreds of species of opponents laden with loot and mysterious artifacts as they explore the abandoned continent.

Key features include:

• A dark and deep action RPG

- Unlimited character combinations with the game's gigantic skill tree
- Combine skill gems to create unique combat strategies
- Explore a dark and gritty world rendered from a fixed 3D perspective
- Download and play for free, but never pay-to-win
- Explore randomly generated levels for nearly infinite replayability
- Craft weapons, magic items and even end-game maps to become more powerful
- Cooperate or compete with thousands of other Exiles in a persistent online world
- Ascend online ladders in every game mode
- Battle in PvP tournaments for worldwide recognition
- Steam and Twitch integration

### **About Grinding Gear Games**

Grinding Gear Games is an independent game studio founded in 2006 and based in Auckland, New Zealand. Its team members come from various countries and have a diversity of backgrounds ranging from artificial intelligence and software security to industrial design and professional tournament gaming. GGG recently released its flagship title, Path of Exile, and is committed to ongoing expansion and new content releases for the critically acclaimed game. You can find more information about Grinding Gear Games at www.grindinggear.com.

### About Garena Online

Garena is a leading online game service provider. Its flagship online game platform, Garena+, is the largest social platform in Southeast Asia and Taiwan, designed for online games to meet, chat and play games with each other. Garena has introduced the latest premium online games on Garena+, including the award-winning League of Legends and other premium game titles, such as first-person shooter game Black Shot, real-time strategy game Heroes of Newerth and massively-multiplayer-online football game EA SPORTS™ FIFA Online 3. For more information, please visit <u>www.garena.com</u>.