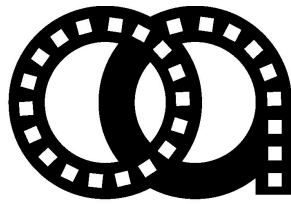


OSAKA ASIAN FF launches COMPETITION section



OSAKA ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL

**OSAKA ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL 2012
COMPETITION section will be held in March 2012**

Call for entries from July

OSAKA ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL will be held from March 9 to 18, 2012 at the ABC Hall and some other venues.

The Competition section, launched last year (the 6th OAFF) received a great response for the variety of the screened films, all of which were Japan-premiered. The inaugural Grand-Prix award went to Hong Kong's "Lover's Discourse" ; the well-attended awards ceremony was a great success.

The OAFF 2012 will hold the Competition section again this year. In addition to films made in Asia, any feature-length films related to Asian people or Asian countries are also eligible for entry. The selected films will be screened at ABC Hall and other venues, and the international competition jury will choose the Grand Prize (the Best Picture Award) and the Most Promising Talent Award, as well as the sponsor award (the ABC Award). Entries will be accepted from the beginning of July to November 25, 2011. The details are in the entry regulations. We thank you in advance for your support.

The OAFF 2012 will hold:

- The Competition section, the Special Screenings section and Special Programs, in which many Asian films will have their Japan premieres, along with talk sessions with various guests.
- Indie Forum section, in which films supported by Cineastes Organization Osaka (CO2), a young filmmaker development project promoted by Osaka City, and some Asian films directed by young promising Asian filmmakers will be screened, along with other screenings and a symposium with guests from home and abroad.
- Osaka Cinema Festival as a pre-event, including the awards ceremony for the Best Picture and Individual from the Osaka Cinema Festival Best 10, which will be determined by moviegoers' voting.
- And more events such as the welcome party, a special forum and some exchange events.

The details of these events are to be announced.

OAFF 2011 Competition section

Grand Prix (Best Picture Award)

“Lover’s Discourse” (2010/Hong Kong/Directed by Derek Tsang and Jimmy Wan.

Most Promising Talent Award

Banjong Pisanthanakun (Director of "Hello Stranger")

ABC Award

"Hello Stranger" (2010/Thailand/Directed by Banjong Pisanthanakun)

Audience Award

"Love You Ten Thousand Years" (2010/Taiwan/Directed by Toyoharu Kitamura)

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