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**...and Action! Asia #04: Exchange Program for Students in Film Studies:
Short Films Jointly Made by Japanese and
Southeast Asian Students Are Now Available Online**

The Japan Foundation Asia Center is pleased to inform that short films produced under the project “... and Action! Asia Exchange Program for Students in Film Studies” are now available online.

Since 2015, the Japan Foundation Asia Center has carried out this program inviting university students majoring in film studies from Japan and Southeast Asian countries. It aims at fostering mutual understanding and nurturing global views to enrich their creativity.

Open Online Short Film Programs <About Short Film Production >

The project invited Japanese and Southeast Asian students in film studies to submit project plans of ten-minute length films under common theme “Hope” or “Secret.” Based on the selected three plans, three multinational groups consisted of Japanese and Southeast Asian students were organized to make films in Japan.

【Daily Train (Drama)】 <https://youtu.be/WjWAqqb0n4g>

【Your shirt, My socks (Documentary)】 https://youtu.be/gwhdNaP_z2k

【The Image of Secret (Documentary)】 <https://youtu.be/u1OzBJbkdK8>

【Project Name】 ...and Action! Asia #04: Exchange Program for Students in Film Studies

【Period】 Wednesday, February 28 –Tuesday, March 13, 2018

【Participating Institutions】 Thailand / Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University

Laos / National Institute of Fine Arts

Vietnam / The Centre for Assistance and Development of Movie Talents

Malaysia / Universiti Malaysia Sarawak

Japan / Japan Institute of the Moving Image, Kobe Design University, Musashino Art University, Tohoku University of Art and Design, Waseda University

【Venues】 [Film Shooting] Skip City Sai-No-Kuni Visual Plaza and others

[Editing] Japan Institute of Moving Image

【Organized by】 The Japan Foundation Asia Center

【Co-organized by】 Japan Institute of the Moving Image

【Supported by】 Japan Film School Association

【In cooperation with】 Nagoya University of Arts and Sciences

【Corporate sponsors】 Canon Marketing Japan Corporation, nac Image Technology Inc.

【Website】 <http://jfac.jp/culture/events/e-and-action-asia04/>



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<Short Films Made by Participants>



Daily Train (Drama)

Cast: Mugidejiko, Makoto Okazaki

Crew: Herald Nyumbang Anak Nyulim (Director), Kyohei Horikawa (Producer), Nguyen Diep Thuy Anh (Screenplay), Sarun Kositsukjaroen (Director of Photography), Sho Fujimoto (Assistant Camera/Sound Composer), Phouththanome Keopaseuth (Sound Record), Akane Sasaki (Art Director/Editor)

Synopsis: This film depicts a romantic relationship between a couple of boy and girl whose souls are connected by a favorite music on a daily train.



Your shirt, My socks (Documentary)

Cast: Nobuyoshi Kawashima, Natsuki Murata, Mana Minamihisamatsu

Crew: Ekin Kee Charles (Director), Mayuko Ashizawa (Producer/Screenplay), Nguyen Le Hoang Viet (Director of Photography), Kim Myoungyoon (Unit Production Manager), Myumyu Higashiyama (Sound), Witchayoot Ponpraserd (Sound Record), Mayuko Okada (Production Designer), Xayaveth Keovilay (Lighting)

Synopsis: A heart-warming story that occurs in a coin laundry located in a certain city. The lost-and-found somehow connects strangers into a new friendship or relationship.



The Image of Secret (Documentary)

Crew: Jirakan Sakunee (Director), Daiju Yoshida (Producer), Ryota Kusama (Assistant Director), Moeri Hirose (Assistant Director/Director of Photography/Editor), Tran Huu Thanh (Director of Photography/Editor), Kasmirul Iqmal Noruden (Sound Record), Wravong Phrachanh (Script Supervisor / Editor)

Synopsis: Why do people have secrets? What is the meaning of secrets? This documentary features the meaning of secrets and the importance of telling-keeping secrets through asking people to draw the “Image of Secrets”.

<About “...and Action! Asia: Exchange Program for Students in Film Studies”>

In 2015, the Japan Foundation Asia Center launched this program to build up a platform for active dialogues and exchanges among students in film studies in Japan and other Asian countries. This program aims at deepening their exchange, developing their mutual understanding, and creating possibilities of co-productions. Each year, students and instructors gather in Japan or one of Southeast Asian countries to acquire international mindedness and establish networks through this program.

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< Records of the past >

...and Action! Asia #03 (FY2016)

【Period】 Sunday, February 26 – Friday, March 10, 2017

【Country/Venues】 Philippines / University of the Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University and other sites in Manila

【Participating institutions】 Philippines / University of the Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde;
Indonesia / Jogja Film Academy;
Malaysia / Universiti Malaysia Sarawak;
Thailand / Bangkok University;
Japan / Nagoya University of Arts and Science, Japan Institute of the Moving Image, Tohoku University of Art and Design and Waseda University (Japan)

【Co-organized by】 The University of the Philippines Film Institute

【Cooperated by】 Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde

【Supported by】 Sony Philippines

...and Action! Asia #02 (FY2015)

【Period】 Sunday, March 6 – Tuesday, March 15, 2016

【Country/Venues】 Japan / Japan Institute of the Moving Image and other places in Tokyo

【Participating institutions】 Indonesia / Jakarta Institute of Arts;
Thailand / Silpakorn University;
Philippines / University of the Philippines;
Vietnam / Ho Chi Minh City College of Performing Arts & Cinema;
Myanmar / National University of Arts and Culture;
Japan / Japan Institute of the Moving Image, Waseda University, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

【Co-organized by】 Japan Institute of the Moving Image

【Cooperated by】 Waseda University, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

...and Action! Asia #01 (FY2014)

【Period】 Sunday, March 8 – Tuesday, March 17, 2015

【Country/Venues】 Japan / Japan Institute of the Moving Image and other places in Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto

【Participating institutions】 Indonesia / Jakarta Institute of Arts;
Thailand / Silpakorn University;
Philippines / University of the Philippines;
Japan / Japan Institute of the Moving Image

【Co-organized by】 Japan Institute of the Moving Image