

The Japan Foundation Asia Center Joining filmmakers development program “Talents Tokyo 2015” to foster young directors and producers in Asia

The Japan Foundation Asia Center carries out various projects to promote and strengthen international exchanges with Asian countries, towards 2020, in the year of the Tokyo Olympic/Paralympic games.

In 2015, the Asia Center joins the filmmaker development project “Talents Tokyo” as organizer. The project provides film directors and producers from East Asian and Southeast Asian countries/regions with opportunities to learn how to be recognized worldwide and build an international network. The Asia Center also launches “Fellowship Program,” which dispatches the selected alumni from Talents Tokyo to film markets taking place at leading international film festivals including Cannes, Busan, and Berlin.

“Talents Tokyo 2015” will accept applications from Monday, May 18. Please see the official website for more details on the project and its application conditions (<http://talents-tokyo.jp>).

■ Outline of Talents Tokyo 2015

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| 【Dates】 | Monday, November 23 - Saturday, November 28
(6 days during the TOKYO FILMeX 2015) |  |
| 【Venue】 | Yurakucho Asahi Hall, etc. | |
| 【Eligibility】 | Film director or producer who is a nationality holder/resident of a country /region in East Asia and Southeast Asia | |
| 【Number of people to be accepted】 | 12-15 | |
| 【Application submission period】 | Monday, May 18 – Thursday, June 18 | |
| 【Organized by】 | The Japan Foundation Asia Center, Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture), Talents Tokyo Organizing Committee (TOKYO FILMeX) | |
| 【In Cooperation with】 | Berlin International Film Festival (Berlinale Talents) | |
| 【In Collaboration with】 | Goethe Institut Tokyo (tentative) | |

***Talents Tokyo** is a talent development program derived from Berlinale Talents, which takes place as part of the Berlin International Film Festival. Talents Tokyo started in 2011 with aims for fostering Asian film directors and producers with talents to be great masters of future generation. The project brings promising filmmakers together in Tokyo to help them network with other participants and industry experts through lectures and joint reviews given by film professionals and screening at TOKYO FILMeX.

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