



The Asian Film Awards Academy (AFAA) Announces the Nominees for the 9th Asian Film Awards

At a press conference in Hong Kong on February 25, 2015, the Asian Film Awards Academy (AFAA) announced the nominees for the 9th Asian Film Awards (AFA). Forty-two films from eight countries and regions received a total 74 nominations. This year, the AFA received over 1,000 eligible films from 34 countries across Asia.

In a parallel announcement, the AFAA revealed that internationally acclaimed film director and producer Ms. Mabel CHEUNG Yuen-ting has been appointed as this year's AFA Jury President, while established leading man Mr. Aaron KWOK Fu-shing will serve as a Celebrity Jury member.



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Said Ms. Mable Cheung Yuen-ting: "The Asian Film Awards is a formidable exercise. Each film has its own strengths fueled by the filmmakers' passion, creative styles and captivating stories. With the high standard of work on display, we recognize the responsibility and challenge involved in voting for the winners."

Mr. Aaron Kwok Fu-shing stated: "As an actor who has participated in many Asian movies, mainly those ones in Greater China, it is indeed a delight to witness the rise of Asian films and their positive reception worldwide. The Asian Film Awards is a brilliant platform for the Asian film industry to make positive progress as well as to encourage aspiring film professionals."

The AFA Jury comprises 14 respected film industry professionals and critics who will select outstanding Asian works of the year to be recognized by one of the most prestigious film awards in the world today. From Japan, Mr. Kenji Ishizaka, the programming director of 'Asian Future' section of Tokyo International Film Festival, and Mr. Tetsuya Bessho, actor and founder of the Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia, will serve as Jury members.

Since 2007, the AFA has sought to highlight the best in Asian cinema to the world, and to promote Asian film culture both regionally and internationally. Beginning in 2014, the Tokyo International Film Festival became a partner of the Asian Film Awards Academy, along with the Hong Kong International Film Festival and Busan International Film Festival, to promote, develop and enrich Asian Cinema.

"The developing network of filmmakers and film industries in the Asia-Pacific will strengthen the AFA and drive the globalization of Asian films," said Dr. Wilfred WONG Ying-wai, Chairman of the AFA Academy and the Hong Kong International Film Festival Society. "We greatly appreciate the support of our Japanese and Korean founding partners in helping to enhance recognition, cultivation and promotion of Asian films on the world stage."

Sponsored by Sands Resorts Cotai Strip Macao and The Venetian® Macao and with Cotai Water Jet as the Official Ferry Operator, **the 9th Asian Film Awards will be held at The Venetian Theatre, one of the region's most luxurious entertainment venues, on March 25, 2015 (Wednesday).**

*The complete list of the 9th AFA nominations list is attached to this press release.



Details

The 9th Asian Film Awards: Awards Presentation Ceremony

Date: March 15, 2015 (Wednesday)

Venue: The Venetian Theatre, The Venetian Macao

(Estrada da Baía de N. Senhora da Esperança, s/n, Taipa, Macao SAR)

ASIAN FILM AWARDS (AFA)

Inaugurated in 2007, the Asian Film Awards celebrates excellence in Asian cinema through the annual presentation of awards to the many diverse talents and films that make up the dynamic film industries of the region. Awards night is a spectacular gathering of celebrities, industry professionals and the media that highlights and publicizes the year's achievements in Asian movies.

Presented in Hong Kong in its first seven years, the Awards were held last year in one of Asia's fastest growing entertainment hubs, Macau. With this historic move, the Awards take one step closer to its long-term plan of being held in different Asian cities to reflect its broad reach across the entire region. Following last year's success, the Asian Film Awards will be held again in Macau for its ninth edition.

ASIAN FILM AWARDS ACADEMY (AFAA)

Established in Hong Kong in late 2013, the Asian Film Awards Academy aims to promote and develop Asian cinema, its talents and audiences.

In an unprecedented landmark collaboration, the three long-established and major international film festivals in Asia, that is Busan, Hong Kong and Tokyo have joined together as the founding members of the Asian Film Awards Academy. Together, they will provide an impact and influence that will promote Asian cinema through the annual flagship Asian Film Awards, and year-round initiatives such as professional exchanges, mentorship and development programs for young filmmakers, and strategies for regional and international audience development.

Asian Film Awards Academy members come from all over Asia. They are drawn from all past nominees and winners at the Asian Film Awards. Additional members who are prominent in their field may also be inducted into the Asian Film Awards Academy. Members will be given voting rights for the Asian Film Awards and also participate in various Academy activities around the region.

The Asian Film Awards Academy expresses the increasing global importance and creative strength of the cinemas of Asia and will help to unite the industries and talents of this fast-growing region.

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For more information, including sailing schedule and fares, please visit www.cotaiwaterjet.com.

The complete list of the 9th AFA nominations list is attached as Appendix I.
The complete jury list for the 9th AFA is attached as Appendix II.



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9th ASIAN FILM AWARDS NOMINATIONS LIST
第九屆亞洲電影大獎提名名單

Best Film 最佳電影

	Film Title 電影名稱	Country/Territory 國家 / 地區
1	Black Coal, Thin Ice 白日焰火	Mainland China 中國大陸
2	Blind Massage 推拿	Mainland China 中國大陸
3	Haider 海德爾	India 印度
4	Hill Of Freedom 自由之丘	South Korea 南韓
5	Ode To My Father 半世紀的諾言	South Korea 南韓
6	The Light Shines Only There 只在那裡發光	Japan 日本

Best Director 最佳導演

	Nominee 候選人	Film Title 電影名稱	Country/Territory 國家 / 地區
1	LOU Ye 婁燁	Blind Massage 推拿	Mainland China 中國大陸
2	TSUKAMOTO Shinya 塚本晉也	Fires On The Plain 野火	Japan 日本
3	Lav DIAZ	From What Is Before 驕陽逼近	The Philippines 菲律賓
4	Vishal BHARDWAJ	Haider 海德爾	India 印度
5	HONG Sang-soo 洪尚秀	Hill Of Freedom 自由之丘	South Korea 南韓
6	Ann HUI 許鞍華	The Golden Era 黃金時代	Hong Kong 香港 Mainland China 中國大陸



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Best Actor 最佳男主角

	Nominee 候選人	Film Title 電影名稱	Country / Territory 國家 / 地區
1	LIAO Fan 廖凡	Black Coal, Thin Ice 白日焰火	Mainland China 中國大陸
2	KASE Ryo 加瀨亮	Hill Of Freedom 自由之丘	South Korea 南韓
3	Sean LAU Ching-wan 劉青雲	Overheard 3 竊聽風雲 3	Hong Kong 香港 Mainland China 中國大陸
4	Ethan RUAN 阮經天	Paradise In Service 軍中樂園	Taiwan 台灣
5	CHOI Min-sik 趙敏錫	Roaring Currents 鳴梁海戰	South Korea 南韓
6	SATOH Takeru 佐藤健	Rurouni Kenshin: The Legend Ends 浪客劍心：傳說落幕篇	Japan 日本

Best Actress 最佳女主角

	Nominee 候選人	Film Title 電影名稱	Country / Territory 國家 / 地區
1	BAE Doo-na 裴斗娜	A Girl At My Door 道熙呀	South Korea 南韓
2	GONG Li 鞏俐	Coming Home 歸來	Mainland China 中國大陸
3	ZHAO Wei 趙薇	Dearest 親愛的	Hong Kong 香港 Mainland China 中國大陸
4	Kalki KOEHLIN	Margarita, With A Straw	India 印度
5	MIYAZAWA Rie 宮澤理惠	Pale Moon 紙之月	Japan 日本
6	TANG Wei 湯唯	The Golden Era 黃金時代	Hong Kong 香港 Mainland China 中國大陸



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Best Newcomer 最佳新演員

	Nominee 候選人	Film Title 電影名稱	Country / Territory 國家 / 地區
1	DO Kyung-soo 都暻秀	Cart 購物車	South Korea 南韓
2	ZHANG Huiwen 張慧雯	Coming Home 歸來	Mainland China 中國大陸
3	Ivana WONG 王菀之	Golden ChickenSSS 金雞 SSS	Hong Kong 香港
4	TOSAKA Hiroomi 登坂廣臣	Hot Road 熱血之路	Japan 日本
5	ZHAN Huaiyun 詹懷雲	Meeting Dr. Sun 行動代號：孫中山	Taiwan 台灣

Best Supporting Actor 最佳男配角

	Nominee 候選人	Film Title 電影名稱	Country / Territory 國家 / 地區
1	CHO Jin-woong 趙鎮雄	A Hard Day 黑仔型警	South Korea 南韓
2	QIN Hao 秦昊	Blind Massage 推拿	Mainland China 中國大陸
3	CHEN Jianbin 陳建斌	Paradise In Service 軍中樂園	Taiwan 台灣
4	WANG Zhiwen 王志文	The Golden Era 黃金時代	Hong Kong 香港 Mainland China 中國大陸
5	ITO Hideaki 伊藤英明	WOOD JOB! 戀上春樹	Japan 日本



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	Nominee 候選人	Film Title 電影名稱	Country / Territory 國家 / 地區
1	HAN Ye-ri 漢藝利	Haemoo 怒海沉淪	South Korea 南韓
2	Tabassum HASHMI	Haider 海德爾	India 印度
3	WAN Qian 萬茜	Paradise In Service 軍中樂園	Taiwan 台灣
4	IKEWAKI Chizuru 池脇千鶴	The Light Shines Only There 只在那裡發光	Japan 日本
5	KUROKI Haru 黒木華	The Little House 東京小屋	Japan 日本

Best Screenwriter 最佳編劇

	Nominee 候選人	Film Title 電影名稱	Country / Territory 國家 / 地區
1	KIM Seong-hun	A Hard Day 黑仔型警	South Korea 南韓
2	DIAO Yinan 刁亦男	Black Coal, Thin Ice 白日焰火	Mainland China 中國大陸
3	Chaitanya TAMHANE	Court 被捕無限次	India 印度
4	LI Qiang 李樺	The Golden Era 黃金時代	Hong Kong 香港 Mainland China 中國大陸
5	TAKADA Ryo 高田亮	The Light Shines Only There 只在那裡發光	Japan 日本



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Best Cinematographer 最佳攝影

	Nominee 候選人	Film Title 電影名稱	Country / Territory 國家 / 地區
1	Jingsong DONG 董勁松	Black Coal, Thin Ice 白日焰火	Mainland China 中國大陸
2	ZENG Jian 曾劍	Blind Massage 推拿	Mainland China 中國大陸
3	CHOI Chan-min	Kundo: Age Of The Rampant 群盜:民亂的時代	South Korea 南韓
4	KONDO Ryuto 近藤龍人	My Man 養慾之恩	Japan 日本
5	Matt FLANNERY, Dimas Imam SUBHONO	The Raid 2: Berandal 突擊死亡塔 2 黑金任務	Indonesia 印尼

Best Production Designer 最佳美術指導

	Nominee 候選人	Film Title 電影名稱	Country / Territory 國家 / 地區
1	LIU Qing 柳青	Gone With The Bullets 一步之遙	Mainland China 中國大陸
2	Subrata CHAKRABORTY Amit RAY	Haider 海德爾	India 印度
3	PARK Il-hyun 朴一賢	Kundo: Age Of The Rampant 群盜:民亂的時代	South Korea 南韓
4	HAYASHIDA Yuji 林田裕至 SAKUSHIMA Eri 佐久嶋依里	Over Your Dead Body 鬼門食女	Japan 日本
5	YI Zhenzhou 易振洲	The Taking Of Tiger Mountain 智取威虎山	Mainland China 中國大陸



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Best Composer 最佳原創音樂

	Nominee 候選人	Film Title 電影名稱	Country / Territory 國家 / 地區
1	CUI Jian 崔健, LIU Yuan 劉元	Blue Sky Bones 藍色骨頭	Mainland China 中國大陸
2	ZHANG Yilin 張鎰麟, HISAISHI Joe 久石讓, DOU Peng 竇鵬, George ACOGNY, GUYUAN 舒楠	Gone With The Bullets 一步之遙	Mainland China 中國大陸
3	Mikey MCCLEARY	Margarita, With A Straw	India 印度
4	MOWG	The Fatal Encounter 殺王者	South Korea 南韓
5	BCDMG	Tokyo Tribe 東京暴族	Japan 日本

Best Editor 最佳剪接

	Nominee 候選人	Film Title 電影名稱	Country / Territory 國家 / 地區
1	KIM Chang-ju 金昌柱	A Hard Day 黑仔型警	South Korea 南韓
2	SUNAGA Hiroshi 須永弘志	One Third 三分之一	Japan 日本
3	Patrick TAM 譚家明, Curran PANG 彭正熙	That Demon Within 魔警	Hong Kong 香港
4	KWONG Chi-leung 鄺志良, Manda WAI 韋淑芬	The Golden Era 黃金時代	Hong Kong 香港 Mainland China 中國大陸
5	Gareth EVANS	The Raid 2: Berandal 突擊死亡塔 2 黑金任務	Indonesia 印尼



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Best Visual Effects 最佳視覺效果

	Nominee 候選人	Film Title 電影名稱	Country / Territory 國家 / 地區
1	Rick SANDER, Christoph ZOLLINGER	Gone With The Bullets 一步之遙	Mainland China 中國大陸
2	YAMAZAKI Takashi 山崎貴	Parasyte 寄生獸	Japan 日本
3	TONG Ka-wai 唐家偉, Ken LAW 羅偉豪, Randy TSE 謝兆基, Lucky Tracy Hannah 梁展鋒	The Midnight After 那夜凌晨, 我坐上了旺角開往大埔的紅 van	Hong Kong 香港
4	KANG Jong-ik 姜鍾翊	The Pirates 海賊：汪洋爭霸	South Korea 南韓
5	KIM Wook 金旭	The Taking Of Tiger Mountain 智取威虎山	Mainland China 中國大陸

Best Costume Designer 最佳造型設計

	Nominee 候選人	Film Title 電影名稱	Country / Territory 國家 / 地區
1	LIANG Tingting 梁婷婷	Brotherhood Of Blades 綉春刀	Mainland China 中國大陸
2	William CHANG Suk Ping 張叔平	Gone With The Bullets 一步之遙	Mainland China 中國大陸
3	TSUGE Isao 柘植伊佐夫	Over Your Dead Body 鬼門食女	Japan 日本
4	CHONG Kyong-hee	The Fatal Encounter 殺王者	South Korea 南韓
5	KWON Yoo-jin 權裕辰	The Taking Of Tiger Mountain 智取威虎山	Mainland China 中國大陸



(Appendix II)

The 9th Asian Film Awards Jury List

Jury	Title	Country/Territory
Ms. Mabel CHEUNG Yuen-ting	Jury President	Hong Kong
Mr. Aaron KWOK Fu-shing	Celebrity Jury	Hong Kong
Ms. LI Shao-hong	Jury	China
Mr. Christian JEUNE	Jury	France
Mr. LI Cheuk-to	Jury	Hong Kong
Mr. Clarence TSUI	Jury	Hong Kong
Mr. John BADALU	Jury	Indonesia
Mr. Alberto BARBERA	Jury	Italy
Mr. BESSHO Tetsuya	Jury	Japan
Mr. ISHIZAKA Kenji	Jury	Japan
Mr. HUH Moon-young	Jury	Korea
Mr. KIM Ji-seok	Jury	Korea
Mr. Ronald ARGUELLES	Jury	Philippines
Ms. Jeane HUANG	Jury	Taiwan