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[Announcement] Finalists selection! TPG selected 25 projects

The 5th edition of TPG (Tokyo Project Gathering; Organizers: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry / UNIJAPAN / Japan Institute of Development and Promotion for Picture) will be held from October 19 (Mon) to 22 (Thu), 2009 at Roppongi Hills, Tokyo. For the 5th Anniversary TPG selected promising 25 projects out of over 150 submissions from 31 countries.

From Japan, TPG2009 will include two projects directed by the Japanese masters; "Ship Is Yet To Come" directed by KORE-EDA Hirokazu ("Air Doll" and "Nobody Knows") and "Yoi Ga Sametara, Uchi Ni Kaero (working title)" directed by HIGASHI Yoichi ("Village of Dreams"). Young talents will also join TPG2009. KUMASAKA Izuru, who received Best First Feature Award at the 2008 Berlin International Film Festival with "Asyl: Park and Love Hotel," will present the project for his second feature film "Family Restaurant (working title)." The selected Documentary project "Undefeated" is directed by NAKAMURA Takayuki, whose amazing documentary "Yokohama Mary" traveled around many international film festivals.

TPG2009 will present projects from renowned producers as well as acclaimed directors. NAKAZAWA Toshiaki ("Departures": 2009 Academy Award Best Foreign Language Film Award winner) will present "Jibaku (tentative)." NARAHASHI Yoko, who was involved in "Last Samurai," "Memoirs of a Geisha," and "Babel," brings a magnificent project called "Fellers (working title)."

International projects are, of course, intriguing too.

"Six Suspects" is a big project attached with the author Vikas SWARUP ("Slumdog Millionaire") and the screenwriter John HODGE ("Trainspotting" and "The Beach"). From Asia, PANG Ho-Cheung ("Isabella" and "Exodus") returns to TPG2009 as a producer. His producing project called "The Love That Dare Not Speak Its Name" is directed by Hong Kong Film Awards Best New Director nominee Heiward MAK ("High Noon"). HO Yuhang ("At the End of Daybreak" and "Rain Dogs") presents Japan/Malaysia co-production project "Dirty Verdict (working title)." CHUNG Mong-Hong, whose feature debut film "Parking" was officially selected for Un Certain Regard of the 2008 Cannes Film Festival, brings "The Fourth Portrait" to TPG2009.

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TPG2009 Official Projects

	Title	Country	Producer	Director
1	The Angelus	Japan	OCHIAI Atsuko	SAKAGUCHI Katsumi
2	Audrey Hepburn's Neck	France / USA	David C. BARROT	Alan BROWN
3	The Boy With Capiz Eyes	Philippines	Joseph David SANTOS	Paolo Alessandro HERRAS
4	Clean Love	Taiwan	WU Nien-Jen	FU Tien-Yu
5	Dirty Verdict (working title)	Japan / Malaysia	ONO Kousuke	HO Yuhang
6	Drink More Water	Malaysia	YEO Joon Han	YEO Joon Han
7	Family Matters	Australia	Max MANNIX	Max MANNIX
8	Family Restaurant (working title)	Japan	HIRATAI Yuji	KUMASAKA Izuru
9	Fellers (working title)	USA	NARAHASHI Yoko, Lucas FOSTER	TBC
10	The Fourth Portrait	Taiwan	Rita CHUANG	CHUNG Mong-Hong
11	Goldfish Go Home!	Japan	John WILLIAMS	SHIOZAKI Shohei
12	Good News	Kyrgyz Republic	Timur CHERIKOV	Mirlan ABDYKALYKOV, Nurbek BERDYBEKOV
13	Goodbye Leslie	South Korea	Leslie PARK	TBC
14	Hush	South Korea	KIM Hyo-Jung	LEE Cheol-Ha
15	I Am Dancing, Choe Seung Hui (working title)	South Korea	LEE Joon-Dong	TBC
16	Jibaku (tentative)	Japan	NAKAZAWA Toshiaki	TBC
17	The Love That Dare Not Speak Its Name	Hong Kong	PANG Ho-Cheung, Subi LIANG	Heiward MAK
18	Look At Only Me (working title)	South Korea	LEE Tae Hun	JANG Hee-Sun
19	Real Fiction	Singapore	TAN Fong Cheng, LAU Chee Nien	HAN Yew Kwang
20	Ship Is Yet To Come	Japan / Brazil	MIYAKUNI Wakako	KORE-EDA Hirokazu
21	Six Suspects	UK / India	Paul RAPHAEL	TBC
22	This Land Is My Land	China	Peggy CHIAO	LI Dawei
23	Undefeated	Japan	ZHANG Yunhui	NAKAMURA Takayuki
24	Yoi Ga Sametara, Uchi Ni Kaero (working title)	Japan	YAMAGAMI Tetsujiro	HIGASHI Yoichi
25	Yuki To Pineapple	Japan	SUGIURA Mikio	O Mipo