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Tokyo International Film Festival, By Adrienne Papp

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The Asian Film Awards Academy announced the nominations for the 11th Asian Film Awards (AFA) in Hong Kong today. For this edition, AFA received almost 1,600 submissions from 28 countries and regions. Seventy-three nominations were made for awards in 15 categories, representing 34 films from 12 countries and regions. Japanese films and talents were nominated in all 15 categories, including a Best Film Award nomination for **Harmonium** (Director: Kōji Fukada).

Photo from left: Ms.Clara Lee (Guest), Mr. CHENG Jen-shuo (The Student Ambassador of the AFA Academy), Dr. Peter LAM Kin-Ngok (GBS, Board Member of the AFA Academy), Mr. JIA Zhang-ke (The 11th AFA Jury President), Ms. Karena LAM (The 11th AFA Celebrity Juror), Dr. Wilfred WONG Ying-wai (GBS, JP, Chairman of the Asian Film Awards Academy and the Hong Kong International Film Festival Society), Mr. Fred WANG Cheung-yue (Board Member of the AFA Academy)

*See the attachment for the full list of nominations.
http://2016.tiff-jp.net/news/en/files/2015EU11thAFANominationList2017.pdf

Angelina Jolie

World-renowned Chinese director **JIA Zhangke** will serve as this year's **Jury President** and lead a jury that includes actress **Karena LAM Kar-yan** and other respected film industry professionals, festival programmers and critics.

The Tokyo International Film Festival (TIFF), together with the Hong Kong International Film Festival and the Busan International Film Festival, created the Asian Film Awards Academy (AFA Academy), a nonprofit organization, in 2013 to promote and develop Asian cinema and its talents. Organized by the AFA Academy, the Asian Film Awards (AFA) will celebrate its 11th anniversary this year.

Helen Mirren

Financially supported by Create Hong Kong and Film Development Fund, the 11th Asian Film Awards will return to the Hong Kong Cultural Centre on March 21, 2017 (Tuesday).

Dr. Wilfred WONG Ying-wai, GBS, JP, Chairman of the AFA Academy and the Hong Kong International Film Festival Society said, "The Asian Film Awards helped to bring the region's major and iconic talents to Hong Kong and has given their work an international spotlight. This year, the Academy has developed various professional educational programs such as masterclasses, film festival visits for students, young professionals training programs and film roadshows around the globe. By doing so we help maintain Hong Kong's role as one of the world centers for the creative industries. We are also delighted to bring the AFA back to Hong Kong in 2017 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong SAR."

Robert De Niro

Details of the 11th Asian Film Awards Ceremony:
Date: March 21, 2017 (Tuesday)
Venue: Grand Theatre, Hong Kong Cultural Centre
(10 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong)

Asian Film Awards (AFA)
Inaugurated in 2007, the Asian Film Awards celebrates excellence in Asian cinema through the annual presentation of awards to talents and films that make up the dynamic film industries of Asia. Awards night is a spectacular gathering of stars, celebrities, industry professionals and the media that highlights and publicises the year's achievements in Asian movies.Presented in Hong Kong in its first seven years, the Awards moved to one of Asia's most dynamic growth economic hubs, Macau, in 2014 – one step closer to its long-term plan of being held in different Asian cities to reflect its broad reach across the entire region.
http://www.asianfilmawards.asia**Asian Film Awards Academy (AFAA)**

Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant

In 2013, three main Asian film festivals – Busan, Hong Kong and Tokyo – joined together to create the non-profit organization, the Asian Film Awards Academy to promote and develop Asian cinema and its talents. The AFA Academy highlights, strengthens and develops Asian film industry and culture through the annual Asian Film Awards, and several year-round initiatives including strategies for building regional and international audiences.

Members of the AFA Academy are drawn from all past nominees and winners of the Asian Film Awards. Members vote for the Asian Film Awards and also participate in various AFA Academy activities involving film professionals and audiences in Asia and around the world.

In 2015, the AFA Academy launched events and activities including the Masterclass Series, Journey to the Fest, Asian Cinema and Young Film Professionals Program to promote, educate, inform and develop knowledge, skills and interest in Asian cinema among the industry, students and audiences in Asia and beyond. The AFA Academy expresses the increasing global importance and creative strengths of Asian films and aims to unite the industries and talents of the fast-growing region.

Tokyo International Film Festival (TIFF)

The Tokyo International Film Festival (TIFF) started in 1985 as Japan's first major film festival and the only Japanese film festival accredited by the International Federation of Film Producers Associations (FIAPF). Since then, TIFF has grown to become one of the biggest film festivals in Asia.

Tokyo International Film Festival

Every year for ten days, filmmakers and film fans of all ages gather in Tokyo to enjoy outstanding films from around the world and TIFF's many colorful events. These include TIFFCOM, the affiliated market of TIFF, seminars for students, professionals, and business people, and symposia and workshops for networking, uniting the world's film industries, developing international co-productions, and the promoting global film business.

The 30th TIFF will take place October 25 to November 3, 2017.

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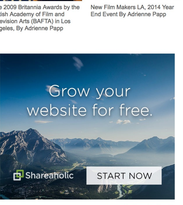

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