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World Premier by TUBE × GACKT and Stray Kids' message

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Date : Tue. June 4th 15:40 \sim 18:00 (press reception 14:00) Venue : LINE CUBE SHIBUYA (Utagawa cho 1-1 Shibuya, Tokyo)

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This year, under the theme 'Illuminate Your Life', the festival will present the first ever short film entirely produced by AI, a story set in a Palestinian refugee camp, a documentary produced from smartphone footage of people who survived a missile attack and many others. The festival brings together a number of short films that shed light on contemporary 'life', 'life', 'living' and the 'world' that surrounds it, including documentaries and diversity films depicted against the backdrop of religious and cultural differences. The festival will screen approximately 270 films selected from more than 4,936 shorts from 114 countries and regions around the world, starting with the opening ceremony on 4 June (Tue) and continuing until 17 June (Mon) at five Tokyo venues. At the opening ceremony of the 26th edition of the festival, festival ambassador LiLiCo will appear with festival representative Tetsuya Bessho to introduce each project and announce the winners of 7 awards, including the Shibuya Diversity Award and the U-25 Project. In WOWOW Actors Short Film 4, the film was successfully nominated in the Japan category of the Live Action competition, which leads to the Academy Awards.

As the festival's opening film, the world premiere of the short film 'Sayonara no kawari ni' by TUBE x GACKT, a unit that has recently released a collaborative song that has become a hot topic. After the screening, a video message from TUBE's Nobuteru Maeda and GACKT will be shown, in which they will talk about their thoughts on the film, including how they expressed the world view of the song. Furthermore, at the Global Spotlight Award, which is given to overseas projects that promote the appeal of short films, the short film 'Stray Kids <樂-STAR (ROCK-STAR) > SKZFLIX' will be screened along with a comment video.

The Creators' Meet-up Lounge will be held for the first time at the venue lobby, where short film fans, directors and companies supporting film culture can exchange information and weave the seeds for new projects, contributing to the development of the short film industry. We hope you will consider covering this ever-evolving festival.

Although there will be no speakers at the event, Shiori Ito, whose short film is nominated in the Non-Fiction Competition, Taiwanese actress Chen Shu-Fang who is starring in the Asia International Competition nominated short film and Kevin Woo (former U-Kiss member) from the Korean Short Film program will be present and will conduct official filming and provide materials for the media. *Please refrain from filming during the event. Schedule :

- 14:00 Press Reception % Press seats for still camera and movies are both first come first served
- 14:20 Briefing for media
- 14:45 Public Door Open
- 15:40 Opening Ceremony Starts Greeting
- 15:45 Awards Announcement •Shibuya Diversity Award •J-WAVE SOUND OF CINEMA AWARD •U-25 Project •Smartphone Competition Best Short Award •Amic Sign Award
- 15:53 Introduction about MILBON BEAUTY Program
- 15:54 WOWOW Actors Short Film Project Filmmakers on stage
- (Yudai Chiba, Sota Fukushi, Win Morisaki)
- 15:56 Introduction of Japan Cultural Expo
- 16:01 Photo Session (WOWOW Actors Short Film 4, Awards presenters & winners , Japan Cultural Expo)
- 16:06 WOWOW Actors Short Film 4 teaser screening & talk session)
- 16:21 Break (15 min.)
- 16:36 Screening of Short Film
- 16:45 Announcement (TYO Students Movie Award, BRANDED SHORTS)
- 16:45 Shibuya Diversity Award Talk Session
- 16:53 Introduction of LIFE LOG BOX
- 16:55 Amic Sign Award talk session
- 17:00 NFT Movie Contest Award Announcement
- 17:02 U-25 Project talk session
- 17:07 Screening TUBE×GACKT World Premier Short Film "Goodbye for now." & Message Video
- 17:22 J-WAVE SOUND OF CINEMA AWARD talk session
- 17:27 MILBON BEAUTY Program
- 17:32 Global Spotlight Award Announcement,
- Screening of Stray Kids' short film " Stray Kids <樂-STAR> SKZFLIX" & Message Video
- 18:00 Closing

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*The schedule may be changed due to various circumstances				
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% For who are interested in privated interview for the guest and participants, please contact below.				
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