

JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL 2017

<Sept. 22 ~ 24, 2017, at National Film Corporation Theater>



The Japanese Film Festival 2017, co-organized by the Embassy of Japan and the Japan Foundation, in collaboration with National Youth Services Council, National Film Corporation and the Ship for World Youth Alumni Association, and supported by Independent Television Network as the electronic media partner, was held at the National Film Corporation Theater (Colombo 7) from 22nd to 24th of September 2017.

Honourable Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Finance and Mass Media, graced the occasion of the opening ceremony at the evening of September 22, with the participation of His Excellency Kenichi Suganuma, Japanese Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Madam Akiko Suganuma as well as the representatives from the above partners and distinguished guests.

This Japanese Film Festival was held for three consecutive years, and this year's selection of the films was as follows;

- Wood Job [Directed by Shinobu Yaguchi]
- Ecotherapy Gateway Holiday [Directed by Shuichi Okita]
- Climbing to Spring [Directed by Daisaku Kimura]
- A Farewell to Jinu [Directed by Matsuo Suzuki]

The film festival attracted an audience of over 1000, including film makers and producers, students of Japanese language, movie lovers, members of the diplomatic corps, members of Japan related associations and other Japanese expats. This event was an excellent showcase of the Japanese rural life and the scenic beauty, and the audience's feedback was extremely encouraging.