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The ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL BARCELONA 2018 takes place from October 31st to November 11th. New showings of the most recent Asian cinema have been selected from more than a hundred feature films that were chosen out of more than five hundred titles that came to us this year from more than twenty countries—Central Asia from the former Soviet Republics to Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

The Asian Film Festival Barcelona | AFFBCN, will hold its sixth edition from October 31st to November 11th, 2018. The program will be held as usual at the Cinemes Girona, CaixaForum and Filmoteca de Catalunya venues.

The programming of the AFFBCN this year is distributed under the following sections: Official, Panorama, Netpac, Discoveries and Special, all in competition. The Retrospective section will be dedicated to the Japanese filmmaker Hirokazu Kore-eda, winner of the Golden Palm of Cannes 2018 with “Shoplifters”, a feature film that will open the VI Asian Film Festival Barcelona on November 7 at Cinemes Girona. The last section is dedicated to the awards that the Asian Film Academy (Hong Kong) awards annually to Asian cinema. The section, which consists of

eight titles under the heading of Asian Film Awards, is one of the new additions to this edition.

Among the additions is the inclusion of Macao, unprecedented in this festival so far, with four feature films, along with the continual presence of important contributions of cinematography from China, Korea, India, Iran and Japan. Without forgetting the participation of the countries that conform Central Asia, there is additional cinema from countries like Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Cambodia; including cinema from Australia and New Zealand that has always had importance in this festival. In all cases, it is a festival that one again offers a contemporary portrait of Asian society, both rural and urban, for all audiences, with drama being the most represented genre. We will also have animated films mainly from China and Japan aimed for young audiences.

***Casa Asia** continues with its annual commitment to gather the best filmography from the Asian continent, to facilitate Barcelona's public access to productions from the region, as well as to bring professionals from the sector and film industry together.*

*The AFFBCN's commitment to Asian cinema is firm as it has been demonstrated in previous years, and intends to be in future editions. Casa Asia has consolidated the presence of Asian cinema in our city, not only with the celebration of this festival, but also with the programming that takes place throughout the year on a weekly basis at Cinemes Girona and in Madrid at Filmoteca Española, CaixaForum and Círculo de Bellas Artes.*

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