

Representation of the second s International Movie Festival, now in its 6th year and taking place from 20-24 March on Naha, Okinawa's primary island. The competition section of the festival is divided into two categories: 'Laugh' and 'Peace', covering films with the theme of 'making people laugh' and 'making people feel happy after viewing' respectively. ANTBOY - the Danish superhero comedy - will have its Asian premiere at the festival while the Korean baseball gorilla curio MR. GO will also receive its Japanese debut. In terms of the local entries, FUKU-CHAN OF FUKUFUKU FLATS is a remarkable co-production between a series of Japanese and European distribution companies and features comedian Oshima Miyuki perform as a middle-aged man in her celluloid debut. The festival also boasts two crowd-pleasing International Special Screenings: THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY and GRUDGE MATCH, both of which are receiving their Japanese premieres while the festival will also play a one-off screening of **<u>GRAVITY</u>** - albeit on the beach at night, on the world's largest mobile screen! An once-off event not to be missed. The festival's website is <u>here</u> while below is a run-down of the exciting programme on offer: Special Invitation Oh! Father - Japan - Michihito Fujii Grudge Match - USA - Peter Segal The Secret Life of Walter Mitty - USA Ben Stiller Competition Jurors: Sadao Nakajima, Gary Tang, Yoko Narahashi, Etsuko Higa, LiLiCo Laugh Category Antboy - Denmark - Ask Hasselbalch One Third -Japan - Hiroshi Shinagawa Jackass Presents: Bad Grampa - USA - Jeff Tremaine Ultrafast! Sankinkotai - Japan - Katsuhide Motoki Fukrey - India - Mrigdeep Singh Lamba Peace Category Miss Granny - Korea -Dong-hyuk Hwang The Round Table - Japan - Isao Yukisada Fuku-chan of Fukufuku Flats - Fujita Yosuke Bay Blues, 25 years and 364 days - Japan - Tomohiro Takayama Mr. GO - Korea -Yong-hwa Kim **F*ck you, Goethe**- Germany - Bora Dagtekin <u>**TV Director's Movie**</u> (This is a new section featuring collaborations between Yoshimoto Kogyo and and local Japanese TV stations) Furiko -Norihiko Takenaga The Love Session - Itaya Eiji Slight Fever of 100°C ~Island Breeze of Love~ -Okamoto Koichi NMB48 Geinin! The Movie Returns - Uchida Hidemi Pirameki's Children Story - Ota Yu

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