

## The 17th Japanese Film Festival Took Place in Armenia

The 17th Japanese Film Festival took place from October 11 to 24 (6 days in total) in Yerevan, Armavir, Gyumri, Vanadzor, and Yeghegnadzor co-organized by the Embassy of Japan in Armenia, the Japan Foundation and the “Hikari” Armenian-Japanese Scientific, Educational and Cultural Centre.

The festival featured a wide range of films, including drama, samurai, and animation, thus, more than 1,000 people came to watch the films.

During the opening ceremony at Moscow Cinema in Yerevan, H.E. Mr. FUKUSHIMA Masanori, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia and Ms. Tatev Babayan, Representative of the "HIKARI" Centre delivered welcome speeches.

The festival aimed to promote cultural exchange between Japan and Armenia, as well as to increase awareness and appreciation of Japanese cinema. It provided an opportunity for Armenian audience to experience the unique storytelling styles and cinematic techniques of Japanese filmmakers.



Welcome speech by Ambassador Fukushima



Speech by the representative of the “Hikari” Centre Ms. Babayan



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Speech by the Mayor of Armavir Mr. Davit Khudatyan



Speech by the Deputy Mayor of Gyumri Mr. Vahagn Mkrtychyan



Speech by the Deputy Governor of Lori Mr. Gor Asryan



Speech by the Governor of Vayots Dzor Mr. Ararat Grigoryan