

The 19th Japanese Film Festival Took Place in Armenia

The 19th Japanese Film Festival took place from October 13 to 30 (7 days in total) in Yerevan, Kapan, and Dilijan. In collaboration with the Japan Foundation, the festival featured three masterpieces, each representing different aspects of Japanese society and artistic expression, attracting the lots of attendance since its beginning.

The series opened at Moscow Cinema in Yerevan, where H.E. Ambassador Aoki Yutaka delivered welcoming remarks. The Ambassador expressed his appreciation for the Armenian audience's continued interest in Japanese culture and highlighted the role of film in deepening mutual understanding between the two nations. During the festival, a special screening was also held at Cinema House, where Armenian film director Mikayel Dovlatyan delivered a speech and shared his insights on cultural cooperation and the importance of cinema in strengthening artistic ties between Japan and Armenia.

In Kapan, the Embassy organized a screening at S'unique Cinema, where Ms. Anzawa Yoko, Deputy Head of Mission, delivered opening remarks. Mr. Hayk Harutyunyan, Deputy Governor of Syunik Region, delivered a speech emphasizing the value of cultural exchange and expressed appreciation for Japan's continued engagement in regional cultural initiatives.

The final screening of the festival took place at the TUMO Center for Creative Technologies in Dilijan, concluding the series on a warm and inspiring note.

The festival aimed to enhance cultural exchange between Japan and Armenia while raising awareness and appreciation for Japanese cinema. It offered the Armenian audience a chance to explore the unique storytelling styles and cinematic techniques of Japanese filmmakers. The Embassy of Japan would like to express our sincere appreciation to the co-organizers of the festival.



Welcome speech by Ambassador Aoki



Film Festival in Yerevan



Meeting session with Mr. Mikayel Dovlatyan



Film Festival in Kapan