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Short Shorts Film Festival & ASIA (SSFF & ASIA):

# JAPANESE SHORT FILMS FESTIVAL in CAIRO

with Mr. Tetsuya Bessho (Founder, SSFF & ASIA)

at Hanager Art Center Cinema Hall

on Friday, 28 March, 2014 from 6:00pm

(Reception 8:00 pm ~)

- ◆ Free Admission (by Invitation or Registration only)

## Short Films Screening:

➤ Introduction and Comment by Mr. Tetsuya Bessho

- Frog In The Well
- Mō Ikkai (Once Again)
- Koyuki's Wandering Football
- Thank You



## Tetsuya Bessho

Actor, TV and Radio Personality. Winner of New Comer of the Year, Japan Academy Prize in 1993. Born in 1965 and graduated from Keio University, Tokyo. Making his debut on the stage in 1987, Bessho has played the leading role in 20 plays including musicals such as "Les Miserables" and "Miss Saigon". He also appears on the screen since 1990, acting in more than 23 films up to now including Hollywood movie "Solar Crisis" directed by Richard C. Sarafian in 1990. In addition to his appearance in more than 82 TV dramas, he is also famous on television and radio as a personality.



"Short Shorts Film Festival & ASIA" is a Japanese film festival for short films that was founded in 1999 by Mr. Tetsuya Bessho who is its President. One of Asia's biggest short films festivals, which has now become a gateway to the Oscar for young filmmakers in the world.

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- ▶ **Frog In The Well** Joe leaves Tokyo for the first time in 10 years to take a trip across Japan. He visits throughout Japan, Wakkanai, Biwako, and Okinawa. The people he meets along the way, the food and culture, and the trip all help Joe to develop inner strength as a young man.

*Produced in 2011 – Directed by Ken Ochiai*



- ◀ **Mō Ikkai (Once Again)** After fifteen years abroad, a son returns to his childhood home in Tokyo, where he finds his mother's lifeless body. Lost in a landscape of memories, he is approached by his mother, who he spends the day with one last time.

*Produced in 2011 – Directed by Atsuko Hirayanagi*

- ▶ **Koyuki's Wandering Football** When it gets washed away by the tsunami, Koyuki decides to re-create her father's soccer ball that was signed by all his friends. Her journey takes an unexpected turn when she reconnects with her uncle who is a fanatic football fan.

*Produced in 2013 – Directed by Satsuki Okawa*



- ◀ **Thank You** A father and daughter's conversation has become sparse; she will leave to work in Tokyo in three days' time. As the daily routine of their life together is to be lost, he recalls the promise that he made to his late wife.

*Produced in 2013 – Directed by Hiroto Hara*

