2 Chinese films nominated for top honors at Tokyo International Film Festival

Description

This yearâ??s Tokyo International Film Festival is set to take place in less than a month, and two Chinese-language films are in the final competition for the top Tokyo Grand Prix.

The two films are *Mr. No Problem* by mainland director Mei Feng and *Shed Skin Papa* by Hong Kong director Roy Szeto. Mr. No Problem, shot in stylish black-and-white, is a three-act fable set in wartime Chongqing. It focuses on the indifferent rich, the head clerk on a farm, and some young intruders. Based on a 1943 short story, the film is screenwriter Mei Fengâ??s directorial debut and stars well known comedian and actor Fan Wei.



Still from *Mr. No Problem,* by Chinese film director Mei Feng. (Photo courtesy of Tokyo International Film Festival)

Comedy *Shed Skin Papa* calls to mind the tale of Benjamin Button. As a frustrated director faces debt and a divorce, his elderly father suddenly regains his youth. Elements of history and romance then unfold. Adapted from a play by Norihiko Tsukuda, the film stars Hong Kong actors Francis Ng and Louis Koo.



Still from *Shed Skin Papa* by Hong Kong film director, Roy Szeto. (Photo courtesy of Tokyo International Film Festival)

A total of sixteen films have been selected to compete for the highest honors in Tokyo. They also include Italy-France-Switzerland co-production *Seven Minutes* and *After Youâ??re Gone* from Russia.

Established in 1995, the Tokyo International Film Festival is among the most competitive film festivals in Asia. This yearâ??s event will open on October 25th and feature more than 200 films from around the world.

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