

# Japanese Film Festival 2013

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Anniversary



Ken & Mary



Ogawa no Hotori - At River's Edge



The Chef of South Polar

## PENINSULAR MALAYSIA

### Klang Valley

Dates : 12th – 17th September 2013

Venue : GSC Pavilion KL

GSC Mid Valley

GSC 1 Utama

Admission : RM6 per screening\*

### Penang

Dates : 19th – 22nd September 2013

Venue : GSC Gurney Plaza

Admission : RM6 per screening\*



The Great Passage



The Kirishima Thing



Until the Break of Dawn

## EAST MALAYSIA

### Kuching

Dates : 26th – 29th September 2013

Venue : GSC CityOne Megamall

Admission : RM6 per screening\*



Dearest (Peninsular Malaysia Only)



Oblivion Island: Haruka and the Magic Mirror



DETECTIVE CONAN: Private Eye in the Distant Sea

### Kota Kinabalu

Dates : 3rd – 6th October 2013

Venue : GSC Suria Sabah Mall

Admission : RM6 per screening\*

\*Tickets for JFF'13 will be sold at RM6 per ticket except for "DETECTIVE CONAN: Private Eye in the Distant Sea" which will be priced at prevailing ticket pricing.

\*\*Tickets can be purchased two (2) days prior to screening date via GSC box office and GSC e-Payment @ [www.gsc.com.my](http://www.gsc.com.my) or GSC Mobile App (iPhone and Android).

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## SYNOPSIS

### “Ken & Mary” (World Premier)

**[Dir]**FUKASAKU Kenta **[Year]**2011 **[Cast]**TAKENAKA Naoto, Hu Bing, KITANO Kii, Zizan Raja Lawak

“Where is this place?” Ken Katakura has been in charge of pantyhose for 25 years as a trading company employee. His flight to Kuala Lumpur made an emergency landing because of a storm and it has landed at a tiny airport where no other airplanes make a stop. However, he has a mission to accomplish no matter what. He must break off the engagement of his daughter, whose wedding is scheduled to take place in just two days in Kuala Lumpur. Then, by some freak coincidence, he becomes acquainted with a Chinese truck driver who is strangely partial to Japan and speaks nonsensical Japanese. Together they set out towards Kuala Lumpur.

### “Dearest” (Peninsular Malaysia Only)

**[Dir]**FURUHATA Yasuo **[Year]**2012 **[Cast]**TAKAKURA Ken, TANAKA Yuko, SATO Koichi, YO Kimiko

Eiji works as a prison officer in Hokuriku. At the age of 53 Eiji loses his wife whom he loved most. Eiji then receives a letter from his dead wife which requested that her ashes to be strewn out at sea next to her hometown. Her wife never mentioned such a thing while she was alive. In order to find out her real intentions, Eiji heads to his wife's hometown of Nagasaki with his homemade camper van.

### “DETECTIVE CONAN: Private Eye in the Distant Sea”

**[Dir]**SHIZUNO Kobun **[Year]**2013 **[Voice Cast]**TAKAYAMA Minami, YAMAGUCHI Kappei, KOYAMA Rikiya, SHIBASAKI Kou

The movie is set on a state-of-the-art Aegis vessel with the full co-operation of Japan's real-life Ministry of Defense and Maritime Self-Defense Force. The corpse of a Self-Defense Force member has been found - minus the left arm - and a spy has infiltrated the Aegis vessel. The heroine Ran is put in jeopardy, and Conan is forced to stand up against the dangerous Spy "X."

### “Oblivion Island: Haruka and the Magic Mirror”

**[Dir]**SATO Shinsuke **[Year]**2009 **[Voice Cast]**AYASE Haruka, SAWASHIRO Miyuki, TANIMURA Mitsuki

After losing her mother at a young age, Haruka treasured the hand mirror she had received from her. As she grew older, she forgot about the mirror and eventually loses it. One day, she decides to go to a local shrine and pray to Inari for the hand mirror to be returned to her. As Haruka sits by the shrine, she drops her house key under the steps. After going to retrieve it, a small fox-like creature runs by, and takes her key together with a toy airplane that had been abandoned earlier. Haruka follows the creature into the woods, but loses it at a large fractured stone. Haruka dips her hand in the small pool of strangely warm water, and is suddenly sucked into the pool, flies out of a river, and lands in a cart with the creature.

### “Ogawa no Hotori - At River's Edge”

**[Dir]**SHINOHARA Tetsuo **[Year]**2011 **[Cast]**HIGASHIYAMA Noriyuki, KIKUCHI Rinko, KATSUJI Ryo, KATAOKA Ainosuke

Sakunosuke, a skilled swordsman from the Unasaka domain, is ordered by the chief retainer to kill Sakuma, who is critical of the domain's agricultural policy. However, Sakuma is Sakunosuke's childhood friend, and husband of his sister Tazu.

### “The Chef of South Polar”

**[Dir]**OKITA Shuichi **[Year]**2009 **[Cast]**SAKAI Masato, NAMASE Katsuhisa, Kitaro, KORA Kengo, TOYOHARA Kousuke

In 1997, an 8-man research team arrived at Dome Fuji Station in Antarctica. The station is 1,000km away from the Antarctic coast. No animals and no virus can live there... Mr. Nishimura is the chef for the team. He misses his family in Japan, but he tries to make a delicious meal to make the members happy every day. The Captain of the team is addicted to ramen, the doctor trains to participate in a triathlon when he returns to Japan, and the young support member likes a telephone operator whom he has never met before... Various unique people have to live together for one and a half years. What will their curious lives be in the South Pole?

### “The Great Passage”

**[Dir]**ISHII Yuya **[Year]**2013 **[Cast]**MATSUDA Ryuhei, MIYAZAKI Aoi, ODAGIRI Joe, KATO Go, KOBAYASHI Kaoru

Mitsuya Majime is an eccentric young man who somehow gets by in the Sales Division of Genbu Books publishing company, until he is transferred to the Dictionary Editorial Department to take advantage of his unique perception of the meaning of words. He joins the team that will compile a new dictionary, 'The Great Passage.' He'll work with a veteran editor who is nearing retirement, and a brash young man who gradually develops an appreciation for the charms of dictionary compilation. In the midst of this eclectic team, Mitsuya becomes immersed in the world of dictionaries. Then Mitsuya has a fateful encounter with a woman. But, although he is an expert with words, he is unable to find the appropriate words to express his feelings to her.

### “The Kirishima Thing”

**[Dir]**YOSHIDA Daihachi **[Year]**2012 **[Cast]**KAMIKI Ryunosuke, HASHIMOTO Ai, HIGASHIDE Masahiro, OHGO Suzuka

A rumor that Kirishima, the most popular student in school, is going to withdraw from after-school activities sends the other cool kids into an uproar. This has little effect on uncool film club member Maeda, who begins to shoot a zombie movie. The emotion of the school's various student factions gradually intersect, and during the shooting of Maeda's movie, a little incident occurs that sways their hearts.

### “Until the Break of Dawn”

**[Dir]**HIRAKAWA Yuichiro **[Year]**2012 **[Cast]**MATSUZAKA Tori, KIKI Kilin, SATO Ryuta, HASHIMOTO Ai

The Connector that appears before skeptical requestors is an ordinary high school student, Ayumi. Harada, a scornful middle-aged man, wishes to see his mother who died of cancer. Schoolgirl Arashi has a question she wants to ask her best friend, who died in a bicycle accident. Businessman Tsuchiya continues to believe in and wait for his girlfriend, who disappeared right after he proposed to her. Ayumi, who is actually an apprentice Connector being trained by his grandmother, starts questioning himself as he meets these people and arranges their meetings. Is it self-serving of the living person to want to meet with the deceased? Will the living person really be saved by the meeting? Will it change their lives? The doubts are soon directed towards the mysterious death of his own parents.