

**** 2021 Smoke-free film awards and reasons for their endorsement ****

<Award for best picture> "The inattentive and inconsiderate fool" director Kotaro Wajima

<Award for best leading actor> Seiyu Uchino, Theatre version: "What did you eat yesterday?"
director Kazuhito Nakae

<Special award> "Testing the taste of pancakes" director Taketo Uchiyama

<Anime award> "Belle (princess and the dragon)" director Mamoru Hosoda

<Stop smoking award> "A morning of farewell (Life's terminal station)" director Izuru
Narushima

<Foreign language film award> "American utopia" director Spike Lee

Reason for endorsement

<Award for best picture> " The inattentive and inconsiderate fool" director Kotaro Wajima

This depicts scenes of an elderly mother (Mariko Kaga) and her son (Tsukaji Muga) with intellectual disabilities living day by day in an old house while developing awkward relations with a family who moves in next door.

This performance depicts and makes one think about the troubles caused by misunderstandings and the strict rules in a society with imperfect people.

<Award for best leading actor> Seiyu Uchino, Theatre version: "What did you eat yesterday?"

This is the theatre version of the familiar TV drama. Mr. Uchino, who has a strong image from roles like "Kansuke Yamamoto," plays the role of a lively gay character. Despite various problems of gay couples, one foundation of living is to cherish the time eating a delicious dinner together.

<Special award> ""Testing the taste of pancakes" director Taketo Uchiyama

This documentary production introduces the career of the 99th Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga and then reveals a hidden truth in a poker face. The content of political movies tends to be difficult to understand, but this production uses easy to understand anime as political entertainment.

<Anime film award> "Belle (princess and the dragon)" director Mamoru Hosoda

A girl who could not sing because of the shock from her mother's death becomes able to sing using avatars in a virtual community, creating a big hit. It is depicted beautifully as the character searches for a "dragon" who is seeking rescue nearby, while implying despair from life in modern society.

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Sayuri Yoshinaga, a who plays the role of a female doctor, says "do not smoke" when a terminal cancer patient (Eiko Koike) tries to smoke and stops her from smoking. Tobacco appears on screen, but I would like to acknowledge the line that stops smoking.

<Foreign language film award> "American utopia" director Spike Lee

Director Spike Lee has reconstructed David Byrne's Broadway show as a movie. This is a performance in which artists of various backgrounds come together to play musical instruments on stage while also asking questions about social issues through singing and dancing. Although this is a show that would be difficult to organize in Japan, the movie creates memories for a lifetime.

* **Dirty ashtray award:**

Movies in which tobacco, tobacco smoke, and product placement are shown more than necessary.

- "Drive my car" PG12 (Director Ryusuke Hamaguchi, Bitters end)
- "Character" PG12 (Director Akira Nagai, Toho)
- "All of us could not become adults" PG12 (Director Yoshihiro Mori, Bitters End)