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**Ayumi Sakamoto's *FORMA* receives Special Mention
in Hong Kong International Film Festival's Young Cinema Competition**

"...A chilling study of long-range revenge." - HKIFF Young Cinema Competition Jury



(l-r: Karena Lam, Nagisa Umeno, Fumiya Yanaka, Christopher Lambert, Ayumi Sakamoto, Bong Joon-ho, David Bordwell)

Hong Kong – Ayumi Sakamoto's award-winning debut feature ***FORMA*** received a Special Mention in the Young Cinema Competition section at the awards gala of the 38th Hong Kong International Film Festival (March 24 - April 7).

Director Ayumi Sakamoto was on hand to accept the award with lead actress Nagisa Umeno and producer Fumiya Yanaka.

Young Cinema Competition jury members writer-director Bong Joon-ho, film star Christopher Lambert, actress-singer Karena Lam and film scholar David Bordwell praised ***FORMA*** in their comments:

"The film's tightly constructed plot, meticulous staging and compositions, and intensifying suspense create a chilling study of long-range revenge. The performances subtly reveal a web of hidden motives and a secret past that accumulate great dramatic power."

FORMA enjoyed two sold-out HKIFF public screenings and generated local Hong Kong press in major newspapers.

Previous praise for ***FORMA*** came from Stephen Dalton of The Hollywood Reporter, who described the film as "a haunting, absorbing, uncompromising debut that hints at future greatness." Film Business Asia critic Derek Elley called the film "a fascinating debut."

FORMA has continued to generate strong interest from international film festival programmers and buyers after winning the FIPRESCI Prize at the 64th Berlin International Film Festival in February and the Japanese Cinema Splash Best Picture Award at last October's Tokyo International Film Festival. **FORMA** has also secured a Japanese theatrical release at Tokyo's leading art house cinema, Eurospace, slated for August 2014.

Downloads & Links:

Electronic Press Kit download link (PDF format, 2.9Mb)
http://www.loadedfilms.jp/documents/FORMA_HKepk.pdf

Hi-res Images (5 film images + 1 director portrait, ZIP file, 1.3Mb):
http://www.loadedfilms.jp/downloads/FORMA_images.zip

Previous March 26th HKIFF press release (PDF format)
http://www.loadedfilms.jp/documents/LF_FORMA_HKIFF_040514.pdf

Previous February 14th Berlin FIPRESCI Award press release (PDF format)
http://www.loadedfilms.jp/documents/LF_FORMA_Berlin_021414.pdf

Previous February 7th HKIFF press release (PDF format)
http://www.loadedfilms.jp/documents/LF_FORMA_HKIFF_020714.pdf

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