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Dentsu Creative Director Makoto Nagahisa Wins Special Mention Award at Berlin International Film Festival

Dentsu Inc. (Tokyo: 4324; ISIN: JP3551520004; President & CEO: Toshihiro Yamamoto; Head Office: Tokyo; Capital: 74,609.81 million yen) announced today that Dentsu Creative Director, Film Director and Screenwriter Makoto Nagahisa was awarded Special Mention in the Youth Jury Generation 14plus for his movie *WE ARE LITTLE ZOMBIES* at the 69th Berlin International Film Festival, an international film festival certified by the International Federation of Film Producers Association.

The Berlin International Film Festival, usually called the Berlinale, is a film festival held annually in Berlin, Germany and is counted as one of the world's three major film festivals along with the Venice Film Festival and Cannes Film Festival. This is the first time that a Japanese film has won the Special Mention award in the Youth Jury Generation 14plus of the Berlin International Film Festival.

Nagahisa also received the Short Film Grand Jury Prize at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival and the World Dramatic Special Jury Award for Originality for *WE ARE LITTLE ZOMBIES* at the 2019 Sundance Film Festival's World Cinematic Dramatic Competition, which marked the first time a Japanese director had received this prestigious award in the Feature Film category at Sundance.



Makoto Nagahisa Comments on the Award

I am truly delighted that I received an award at the venerable Berlin International Film Festival. I am more than surprised. Now I am willing to tell my three-year ago self when I intended to make a movie that I would be awarded for one in the near future.

During the screening in Berlin I got the impression that the viewers appreciated the work from a more philosophical and literary perspective, and the difference from the Sundance Film Festival where they enjoyed music and game visual expressions as entertainment was very interesting. Because I am strongly influenced by European movies I was honored to have such a response from a philosophical and literary perspective.

I firmly believe that I should live as a filmmaker who deserves to be a Berlin award winner.

WE ARE LITTLE ZOMBIES

Scheduled nationwide release in Japan: June 2019

URL : <https://littlezombies.jp/> (Japanese only)



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