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Held in Yubari, Hokkaido since 1990, the Yubari International Fantastic Film Festival (hereafter, "Yubari Film Festival") has not only earned acclaim from members of the domestic and international film community, but has also gained a reputation as an important stepping stone for film creators seeking to establish their credentials as directors.

As part of its "Now Playing on Satellite" programming, SKY Perfect JSAT will broadcast films submitted to the "Forum Theater" section of the festival by up-and-coming creators, as well as select films from among general public entries to the festival's "Fantastic Off-Theater Competition" section, on its SKY PerfecTV! and SKY PerfecTV! e2 services. This marks the second consecutive year that SKY Perfect JSAT will broadcast film festival entries, an initiative which began with the showing last year of films from the Yubari Film Festival on SKY PerfecTV!.

This year, SKY Perfect JSAT will make films available free of charge to its customers, a move that will allow more customers to enjoy these films, while simultaneously encouraging support for the city of Yubari.

Also in a follow-up to last year, SKY Perfect JSAT will assist budding new talent from the Yubari Film Festival by funding films created by the festival's Grand Prix winners and broadcasting the films submitted.

The first film to receive funding support from SKY Perfect JSAT in this festival is *Fuwaku no Adagio*, a new film by director Tsuki Inoue, last year's Grand Prix winner in the "Fantastic-off Theater Competition" section. The film will be shown both at the festival and on the SKY PerfecTV! "Now Playing on Satellite" broadcast service. An advance screening of the film is scheduled to take place in Tokyo sometime in mid-February, prior to the opening of the festival.

The coordinating office for the festival is planning five venues for this year's event. However, as a new project launched this year, SKY Perfect JSAT will use its "SKY PerfecTV! HD" broadcasting service to run a sixth venue, called "SKY PerfecTV! HD Theater," in the lounge of the Yubari Hotel Shuparo. Festival attendees will be able to view films at this venue for the duration of the festival. Teaching sessions given by four film directors and other special events are also scheduled to take place this year in an effort to create an atmosphere that festival visitors will thoroughly enjoy.

In tandem with the festival, the Nihon Eiga Senmon Channel is holding screenings of the films "Kofuku" ("Happiness") and "Sono kido wo tootte" ("Pass Through the Gate") by director Kon Ichikawa in the Hotel Shuparo's Reisui Room. Star Channel, another Japan-based film channel, will hold separate screenings in the same room.

In helping to make the Yubari Film Festival a success, SKY Perfect JSAT hopes that its special sponsorship will also help to revitalize Yubari city. At the same time, through broadcasting on SKY Perfect JSAT hopes to offer customers a new way to enjoy the film festival experience—right in the comfort of their own homes.

- Overview of the Yubari International Fantastic Film Festival
- <Name> Yubari International Fantastic Film Festival 2009
- <Organizers> Yubari International Fantastic Film Festival Executive Committee; Yubari Fanta NPO
- < Period> February 26, 2009 (Thurs.) to March 2, 2009 (Mon.)
- < Venues > Yubari Civic Center; Cinema Salon and other venues around Yubari
- <Official website> http://yubarifanta.com/
- SKY PerfecTV! and SKY PerfecTV! e2 Broadcasts
- <"Now Playing on Satellite" broadcast section> *Total of 34 films
- "Forum Theater" section

- "Fantastic Off-Theater Competition" section
- "Fantastic Off-Theater Special Screening" *Special Feature on Director Tsuki Inoue—2008
 Fantastic Off-Theater Grand Prix Winner
- <Broadcasting Period> February 26, 2009 (Thurs.) to March 2, 2009 (Mon.) (Same period as festival)
- *Encore Presentations: Scheduled to air as scheduling permits between March 20 and March 31, 2009

<Broadcasting Channels>

SKY PerfecTV!		SKY PerfecTV! e2	
SKY PerfecTV! SD	SKY PerfecTV! HD	(Standard-definition	(High-definition broadcast)
(Standard-definition broadcast)	(High-definition broadcast)	broadcast)	
Channels 174 and 180	Channel 190	Channel 804	Channel 800
All films from aforementioned	Certain films from	All films from	Certain films from
sections	aforementioned sections	aforementioned sections	aforementioned sections
		Films for restricted audiences (i.e., films with R-15 or R-18	
		ratings) will not be shown	

^{*}Festival guide programs (featuring LiLiCo, Hiroyuki Amano "Kyain") and on-site reports (featuring LiLiCo and others) will also be shown.

*Broadcasting details will be made available on the SKY PerfecTV! official website as soon as they have been determined.

<Special site for the Yubari Film Festival on the SKY PerfecTV! official website> (*Scheduled for uploading on January 30)

http://www.skyperfectv.co.jp/yubari09/