

## An Online Event hosted by JICA Yokohama x Short Shorts “Short Film Trip to South Sudan”

Streaming “NO LIMITS”, a short documentary about South Sudan,  
plus, a Talk Event with JICA international students and  
A National Athlete of South Sudan

Sat, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
13:00~14:00 @SSFF YouTube

Short Shorts, a short film comprehensive brand run by Visual Voice Inc. and international Short film festival, Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia, are collaborating with JICA Yokohama for a project to learn about the culture of South Sudan. The event is called “Short Film Trip to South Sudan” and will be live streamed online on August 20<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 1:00pm~(JST)

URL:<https://shortfilmtrip-to-sudan.peatix.com>



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This event is held to better understand the 8<sup>th</sup> Tokyo International Conference on African Development, TICAD8. It is part of JICA's activity to address and contemplate on issues on African Developments. “NO LIMITS” is a documentary about the coaches of the wheelchair basketball team. As well as streaming this short film we will welcome a special guest Abraham Guem, an Olympic Athlete, to discuss about the traditions and culture of South Sudan and Africa in general. We will also take comments and questions from the audience.

<Short Film : 『No Limits』>

Director : Niki Clark

International Committee of the Red Cross/11:50/Documentary/2019

A documentary about two coaches of the wheelchair basketball team in South Sudan, which was recently established.

Won the Best Sports Film at Webby Awards 2020

<Event Schedule>

Date : August 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 2022 from 1:00pm-2:30pm

Streaming Platform : SSFF & ASIA YouTube Channel URL <https://www.youtube.com/c/SSFFchannel>

Admissions : Free・Reserve it now from Peatix URL <https://shortfilmtrip-to-sudan.peatix.com>

Guest Speakers : JICA International Students /Olympic Athlete of South Sudan (1,500M) Abraham Guem

MC : DJ John



Abraham Guem



【Visual Voice., Inc.】

Visual Voice develops a comprehensive short film brand, SHORTSHORTS. Its film festival, "Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia" (SSFF & ASIA) held since 1999, is accredited by the Academy Awards® and is one of the largest international short film festival in Asia. SHORTSHORTS leads the film culture through various means such as its screening events, film distribution, production and collaboration work with companies and administrative offices.

The arrival of the new 5G era allows communication with greater data capacity. This means that people are able to enjoy high-quality video content and movies on their mobile devices such as smartphones. On the other hand, realistic film experiences, beyond the idea of a cinema, is increasingly emphasized. While supporting young creators through various activities and events, SHORTSHORTS broadens the field of short films.

<https://v-voice.jp/en/>



### 【Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia】

Since 1999, actor Tetsuya Bessho, member of the Screen Actors Guild of America (SAG), has worked to introduce the then new genre, "short films," which he first encountered in the United States, to film fans in Japan as the American Short Shorts Film Festival.

In 2001, the festival was renamed the Short Shorts Film Festival.

In 2004, SSFF was recognized as an Academy Award® accredited film festival.

In the same year, with the aim of promoting new visual culture from Asia and nurturing up-and-coming young filmmakers, the Short Shorts Film Festival Asia (SSFF ASIA, co-sponsored by Tokyo Metropolitan Government) was established and the festival is now known collectively as SSFF & ASIA.

To commemorate the festival's 20th anniversary in 2018, the Grand Prix film was named the "George Lucas Award" in honor of director George Lucas.

In January 2019, the Short Shorts Film Festival in Hollywood was held to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the festival. Beginning with the 2019 festival, in addition to the Official Competitions (International, Asia International, and Japan), the Non-Fiction Competition and this year, the Animation Competition Best Short Award winners have also become eligible for nomination at the Academy Awards the following year. SSFF & ASIA will continue to support young creators through the festival.

【Official website】 <https://www.shortshorts.org/index-en.php>

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