

'Fifty Thousand' Makes Second Debut in Japan



second international appearance at the 5th International Short Film Festival in Japan.

The film is written by Fardin Rahmanpour, directed by Hamed Karivand and produced by Hussein Tork-Joosh.

It narrates the story of the life of a young boy who lives with his father in a house in the lower city and endures many challenges to survive.

Fardin Rahmanpour, Muhammad Kianiyan, Elaheh Jami, Mahdi Parhizkari and Amir Hussein Qalandri are the main actors of the film.

The International Short Film Festival in Japan is hosting filmmakers and cinema enthusiasts through April 19-28.

TEHRAN -- The Iranian short film "Fifty Thousand" directed by Hamid Kriwand is making its sec-

Iran, One of the Five Oldest Countries in the World



TEHRAN -- It is believed that Egypt, Iraq, Persia, and Greece are the oldest countries and civilizations in the world. The names of these territories are mentioned in historical documents that date back to several thousand years.

first established as a defensive barrier during the Warring States period (475-221 BC).

Archaeologists believe that early hominids inhabited the country 2.25 million years ago. The hominid fossils of Peking Man, a Homo erectus who used fire, were discovered in a cave at Zhoukoudian near Beijing, the Capital City of the Republic of China.

1-Egypt

Egypt's founding years can be traced back to around 6000 BCE, when various groups of hunter-gatherers settled in the Nile River Valley. Egypt's first dynasty is dated c.3100 BCE. Around this time period, Upper and Lower Egypt were unified into a single kingdom by King Menes - Menes is actually the Egyptian word for founder and many historians believe that the founder of Egypt was a ruler named Narmer. This makes Egypt the oldest country in the world.

King Narmer was able to establish control over the entire navigable length of the Nile and established the capital in Memphis, a city near modern-day Cairo. This first dynasty was the first of a series of dynasties that would go on to rule over Egypt for the next three millennia until it was conquered by Alexander the Great in 332 BCE.

2-Iraq

Ruled by several empires, Iraq also known as the "Cradle of Civilization" is home to remains that date as far back as an estimated 700,000 years ago. Mesopotamia is cited as the oldest consistently settled region on the planet where remnants of human settlements dating back to 50,000 B.C can be found. Thanks to these findings, Iraq ranks high as the oldest country in the world.

3-China

China was established under the Shang Dynasty (c. 1600-1046 BC), over 3,000 years ago. In this highly populated country, with more than a billion people from many ethnic groups, the most present is the Han people with 91.6%.

This Asian country is known for its famous Great Wall, which was not a one-off construction. It was

4-Iran

Ancient Iran, which was fondly known as Persia in the Western world until 1935, was founded around 550 BCE under the Achaemenid Empire.

Before the rise of the Persian Empire, several groups of people lived in the area that would later become Iran - this included the Elamites, who were a pre-Iranian civilization that settled in the far West and Southwest region of modern-day Iran and the Medes, who had control of most of Iran until the Persians stepped in.

The iconic leader "Cyrus the Great" established the Persian Empire around 550 BCE after he conquered the Median, Lydian, and Babylonian empires and gained control of Iran. The Achaemenid Empire ruled Iran until Alexander the Great conquered the Persian Empire in 330 BCE.

5-Greece

Greece's history spans over 2500 years, with the first mentions of the country occurring in around 800 BCE.

The Archaic period of Greece is regarded as one of the country's most prominent time periods as it laid the foundations for Greek's Classical period, which is known for establishing the foundations of modern Western civilization.

At that time, the Greeks made advances in art, poetry, and technology, but the most important thing to be invented during this time period was the polis, or city-state. Also during this time period, the Greek alphabet was developed as well as the earliest institutions of democracy.

Completing Qur'an During Ramadan

TEHRAN -- Every year, the holy month of Ramadan inspires Muslims to rekindle their devotion to the Qur'an as it is the month in which it was revealed—as a guidance for people and evidence to their faith.

For a large number of practicing Muslims, completing the Qur'an during Ramadan is an annual goal. It provides mental tranquility, and is often associated with calmness of mind. However, it is easier said than done for most of us.

Be it due to the language barriers, being a slow reader, or struggling to balance it out with work, finishing the Qur'an in the month of Ramadan can seem challenging. However, with intention and faith, it becomes easier.



Wisconsin Festival to Screen Iran's Feature Film

TEHRAN -- Iranian feature film 'World War III' has made it to the Wisconsin Film Festival in the United States.

Media reports said 'World War III', directed by Houman Seyyedi, is competing in the American event.

The film tells the story of Shakib who has lost his wife and child in an earthquake, if-

ilm reported.

He works in a place where a movie on the World War is being filmed, and when one of the actors collapses, Shakib has been chosen as his stand-in.

Shakib is allowed to stay in the actor's fake mansion, but on condition that he doesn't receive any visitors, but he makes a decision that endangers his fate.

The film is co-written by Seyyedi himself, Arian Vazir-Daftari, and Azad Jafarian. 'World War III' received its international premiere at the Venice International Film Festival in Italy. It took part in the festival's Orizzonti section and managed to grab two awards.



The Wisconsin Film Festival aims to "showcase emerging local talent while presenting the best films available from around the globe", according to an online submission platform.

The festival "presents quality work from outside the mainstream film industry that

otherwise may not reach commercial platforms. We look for films that represent different facets of filmmaking, from polished productions to no-budget gems."

The 2023 edition of Wisconsin Film Festival kicked off last Thursday and will run until April 20.

Brussels Festival Names Iranian Director as Jury Member

TEHRAN -- Iranian director Farnoush Samadi has been elected as a jury member of the Brussels Short Film Festival.

Brussels Short Film Festival will be held from April 26 to May 6, in Brussels, the capital of Belgium.

Iranian director Farnoush Samadi will attend the festival as a jury member, Mehr News reported.

Farnoosh Samadi is an Iranian filmmaker who graduated from Fine Art Academy in Rome. She worked as a co-writer in Ali Asgari's award-winning short films.

She is also the co-writer of a feature film with Ali Asgari which was developed at Cinefondation Residence. 'The Silence' her first short film co-directed by Ali Asgari had its world premiere in competition at Cannes Film Festival 2016.

'Gaze' is her second short film which has its world premiere in competition of Locarno Film Festival 2017. She is a member of the Academy of the Oscars.

Picture of the Day



The Jameh Mosque of Yazd is the grand, congregational mosque of Yazd city. The 14th century mosque first built during the Buyid dynasty is one of the outstanding buildings of Iran.