

Making Waves - Screening of “Papa”

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Speech by DBL

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good evening, and thank you for joining us at the opening film screening of this year’s Making Waves Film Festival. It is my great pleasure to be here tonight, representing the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Berlin. I extend a warm welcome to our distinguished delegation from Hong Kong, including directors and actors who have traveled a long distance to be with us here in Germany.

2. Tonight’s opening film, Papa, is a deeply moving story set in a Hong Kong community. It portrays the life of a father navigating profound changes in his family and personal journey—filled with warmth, humanity, and struggles. I am confident that you will find the film both immersive and thought-provoking, offering a unique cinematic experience. We are especially honored to have Mr. Dylan So, the film’s lead actor, with us this evening. After the screening, he will share his insights and take your questions, providing a rare opportunity to engage with the creative minds behind this remarkable work.

3. Movies bridge geographical and societal distances, and showcase the richness of our human experiences. With the support of the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency, we are happy to see the extraordinary stories of Hong Kong movies offer fresh and distinctive perspectives to the German audience.

4. This year’s festival features six films, each exploring a wide range of themes and genres. From depictions of life in Hong Kong society to the

city's natural and sports landscapes, and its traditional aesthetics, these films provide a glimpse into the real, diverse, and vibrant Hong Kong. We hope they will inspire you to visit our city, to experience its energy and meet its people, thereby deepening mutual understanding and cultivating lasting friendships.

5. In closing, I wish you all a pleasant evening and much success for this year's Making Waves Film Festival. Thank you for your attention, and enjoy the film!

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