



FESTIVAL DE CANNES

Paris, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016

To Mayor Suh Byung soo, Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City:

We are all active in the film cultures or film industries of our countries, and we have watched the growing conflicts between your city and the film festival with mounting concern.

In just twenty years, the first nineteen of them completely free from political interference, BIFF has become not only a source of pride to the people of Busan but also a key institution for the film industries of Korea and its Asian neighbors. BIFF is now a world-famous event, and a magnet for film people from all over the globe. One key reason that it has achieved so much so quickly is that it has maintained its independence and championed freedom of expression. We applaud the festival's determination to screen films of all kinds and its commitment to debate and the free exchange of views and opinions.

Our concern leads us to call on you and the city and not to damage the festival or its independence, and to stop applying political pressure to the festival's leaders and programmers. The events of the past year not only threaten that independence but also put the entire future of BIFF at risk. We have been impressed by Mr Lee Yong-kwan's directorship of the festival, and we see no valid reason for him to resign. We also deplore the fact that what seem like dubious legal issues have been brought into the issue.

All of us want to see BIFF continue to grow and prosper, with the team that has led the festival in recent years remaining in place.

Yours sincerely,

**Thierry Frémaux**

General Delegate



OPEN LETTER TO MAYOR SUH BYUNG SOO

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51	MATSUBAYASHI Yoju	Japan	filmmaker	3 JoMa Film
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53	MATSUMOTO Kazuhisa	Japan	producer	D-Atelier Inc
54	MATSUMOTO Masamichi	Japan	director	The Film School of Tokyo
55	MIBU Tomohiro (壬生智裕)	Japan	freelance writer	N/A
56	MIZUKAMI Kenji (水上賢治)	Japan	film critic	N/A
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60	MURAKAMI Kosuke	Japan	writer	N/A
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62	NAKAMURA Takayuki	Japan	filmmaker	N/A
63	NAKAYAMA Harumi	Japan	cinema journalist	N/A
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71	OOHARA Tokio	Japan	filmmaker	N/A
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90	TAKAHASHI Takuya	Japan	festival director	Yamagata International Documentary Film Festival
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