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EU to showcase Cine Europa films

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MANILA - Moviegoers can once again enjoy free European movies during the Cine Europa film festival from September 20 to 24 at Greenbelt 3's Cinema 1 on a first come, first served basis.

The festival will also go to SM City in Cebu and Iloilo City, in Bohol, the Ateneo de Naga University and SM mall in Naga, Palawan State University and SM in Palawan, and Visayas State University in Baybay, Leyte. The festival returns to Manila with a screening at the Film Development Council of the Philippines in November for its last leg.

Twelve movies from 12 EU member states will be shown during the festival.

EU delegation to the Philippines Chargé d'Affaires Thomas Wiersing considers the film festival an influential cultural diplomacy tool and hopes that through movies, Philippine-EU relations will be strengthened.

“It is my aspiration that the relationship in the film industry will go beyond two-way film exchange. I urge filmmakers to see how they can screen more movies commercially in both the EU and the Philippines. Cultural and creative sectors, including the film industry, play a significant role in: ensuring the continuing development of societies, strengthening identity and social cohesion and creating jobs and driving inclusive and sustainable growth,” Wiersing said.

“I wish that somehow Cine Europa can provide a very good opening for further opportunities to enhance the bilateral relationship,” he added.

The festival is presented by the EU delegation to the Philippines and the Embassies of Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom, as well as Alliance Francaise in Manila, the British Council, the Goethe-Institut, Instituto Cervantes, and the Philippine-Italian Association.

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