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## Science Film Festival Goes Online for its 11<sup>th</sup> Edition with the Theme “Sustainable Development Goals”



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Goethe-Institut’s annual **Science Film Festival** returns to Indonesia for its 11<sup>th</sup> edition and will be held online for the first time amid the pandemic and will run from 20 October to 6 November 2020 in 24 cities. Under the theme “Sustainable Development Goals”, this year’s festival aims to invite students aged 9 to 14 to explore the diverse issues behind the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through films accompanied by various fun demonstrations of scientific experiments.

In September 2015, 193 nations decided to jointly implement 17 goals and 169 sub-goals by 2030 to make our world a better one. The vision is ambitious—a world in which a good life is possible for all people, in which our planet has sufficient resources that are accessible to all and are used fairly, and one in which the preservation of nature is a matter of crucial importance. The implementation of the goals is intended to ensure that our planet is still worth living on for future generations.

“In cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Science Film Festival aims to explore the diverse issues behind the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through an international selection of entertaining films on science, technology and the environment, the festival helps expand the conversation on the issues central to the SDGs. Through this conversation, it helps to inspire action for the betterment of people and the planet,” says Dr. Stefan Dreyer, Regional Director of Goethe-Institut for Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand during the virtual press conference, Tuesday (20 Oct. 2020).

Supported by a number of its long-standing partners, including the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, the initiative “Schools: Partners for the Future” (PASCH), Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia and Paramadina University, the 2020 Science Film Festival in Indonesia will screen 15 films from Chile, Germany, Indonesia, Myanmar, Spain and Thailand that are dubbed in Indonesian. The festival has provided suggested teaching materials for learning activities connected to this year's theme of SDGs which complement the films.

The selected films are scheduled to be screened consecutively via an online platform to students across the archipelago, including: Ambon, Denpasar, Bandung, Bogor, Bondowoso, Jakarta, Jayapura, Kupang, Malang, Manado, Mataram, Matauli Pandan, Maumere, Medan, Pontianak, Salatiga, Sidoarjo, Sorong, Supiori, Surabaya, Tangerang, Tomohon, Waingapu and Yogyakarta.

Dr. Peter Schoof, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Indonesia, ASEAN and Timor-Leste, explains, “Germany is deeply committed to the SDGs and played a key role during the negotiating process. Both Indonesia and Germany have made notable improvements since the agreements,

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particularly in regards to improving equality and quality of life. But to achieve the SDGs, we still have further to go. We believe in the importance of dialogue and sharing successful strategies. The SDGs are united goals created by the United Nations—they are impossible to achieve alone.”

Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme, separately conveyed that to achieve this collective ambition we must use all tools at our disposal to create awareness of the goals. She added, “Only with understanding of these goals and what they mean for humanity and future generations will we find the political pressure needed for change. The UN Environment Programme is proud to have partnered with the Goethe-Institut on the 2020 Science Film Festival, whose theme will help foster this understanding.”

Since its inception in Thailand in 2005, the Science Film Festival has consistently promoted scientific literacy to young people in Southeast Asia, South Asia, North Africa, Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East via entertaining, knowledge-based communication. The Science Film Festival was introduced and held in Indonesia in 2010 as the festival continued its regional expansion at the time.

Over the years, the festival has established itself as the largest event of its kind worldwide, with over a million visitors in 23 countries during its 2019 installment, including more than 122,000 visitors in Indonesia alone. This year’s festival runs internationally in 30 countries.

For more information, please access [www.sciencefilmfestival.org](http://www.sciencefilmfestival.org).

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