

PRESS RELEASE



WHEN: 8 NOVEMBER to 16 DECEMBER 2016

WHERE: IMAX SM MEGAMALL, and nationwide organized screenings

MAKING LEARNING FUN WITH THE 12th SCIENCE FILM FESTIVAL

The Science Film Festival of the Goethe-Institut honors films on science and technology worldwide. The purpose of this annual event is to support and encourage films that deal with science-related issues and ideas about innovation and invention that impact the planet.

With this year's theme on MATERIAL SCIENCE, the festival aims to discuss materials, how they are put together, how they can be used, and how they can be changed and made better to do more amazing things. Now on its 12th year, the Science Film Festival is the Goethe-Institut's important contribution to science and education in the country.

Opening the festival is a special screening of "**A Beautiful Planet**"—a spectacular documentary film that explores Earth, as seen from the International Space Station (ISS). The breathtaking footage of the natural wonders of the Earth are captured by the Astronauts themselves. Screened at the **IMAX Theater in SM Megamall**, participants joining the Science Film Festival are treated to a one-of-a-kind 3D viewing experience, complete with popcorn and refreshments at the cinema, plus a chance to witness a demonstration from the Philippine Robotics Team.

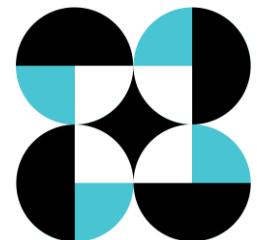
From November 9 to December 16, organized film screenings follow at The Mind Museum, Museo Pambata, the National Library, Philippine Science Centrum, Quezon City Science Interactive Center, Liceo de Cagayan University, Sentro Ng Karunungan Congressional Library, Kaban Ng Hiyas Congressional Library, Bamban Municipal Library, San Pablo City Library, and the Balilihan District Congressional Library.

There is a huge opportunity to get the youth excited about science, and the Goethe-Institut believes that it should go beyond what they learn in classrooms. Documentary cinema can spark interest in science and technology, and is capable of bringing brilliant minds of all ages together. Also, with the help of innovators and visionaries in the world of science, together with creative practitioners who have produced the educational films included this year, the Science Film Festival creates a dialogue that could hopefully inspire its audiences to share and debate their visions of a brave new world.

The Science Film Festival stands firm on its belief that we have a planet now that is just right for us and we should not take it for granted. And the best way to sustain life on this planet is by knowing what to do.

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