

Press Release

Science meets film: Goethe-Institut Singapore proudly presents the 1st edition of the Science Film Festival in Singapore!

The Science Film Festival is a celebration of science communication for young people all over the world, from Southeast and South Asia, to Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. Organized annually in cooperation with local partners and schools, it promotes science literacy and facilitates awareness of contemporary technological and environmental issues through internationally-produced films with accompanying educational activities. The Festival presents issues of science and society in accessible and entertaining formats to a broad audience, demonstrating that science can be universal and fun. The event has grown considerably since its first edition in 2005, becoming the largest event of its kind worldwide, and this year for the very first time, is presented here in Singapore, in partnership with Science Centre Singapore.

The international and diverse nature of the festival, which features over 91 films from 27 countries, ranges from short animations to science edutainment series and documentaries from around the world. The films are dubbed and subtitled in the languages of each participating country, making them accessible to everyone, as well as creating space for discussion about pressing scientific and environmental issues.

Facilitators, teachers and parents can also find accompanying activities for the films that are appropriate for early learners, primary and secondary school youths on the official Science Film Festival website.

Theme 2022: EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN SCIENCE

This year's festival theme is 'Equal opportunities', promoting a state of fairness in which individuals are treated similarly, unhampered by artificial barriers, prejudices or preferences. The theme is a response to the continued underrepresentation of minorities and women in science sectors, and aims to highlight the challenges of cultivating an adequately diverse scientific workforce.

The Science Film Festival 2022 is committed to increasing awareness on the issue of diversity and inclusiveness in STEAM fields, as well as promoting the message that study and work in science is for everyone, and to the benefit of all sections of society.

Science Film Festival in Singapore

The Festival takes place in different formats from 1 October to 20 December 2022, and includes special on-site screenings at the Goethe Lab and Science Centre Singapore as part of its STEM festival UNTAME: Spaces to Places.

From over 174 international submissions, the festival jury selected 35 films from 15 countries, with a focus on content for children from primary schools upwards. Aimed and organized to be as inclusive and accessible as possible, the films and events are free and open to all.

In collaboration with Science Centre Singapore, the films will be part of an interactive experience with UNTAME Online, where viewers stand the chance to win attractive prizes. And over 10 days in December, the films will be screened on-site at Science Centre Singapore, alongside bustling activity and hands-on learning experiments as part of UNTAME Day.

The Science Film Festival in Singapore is made possible through the gracious support of Goethe-Institut's partners Science Centre Singapore, Rolls-Royce and the SEAMEO Regional Centre for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education SEAMEO STEM-ED.

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