

Sophia University Institute of Comparative Culture presents a screening and a discussion session:

TSUKIJI WONDERLAND

Documentary film on the
Tsukiji Fish Market, the center of the culinary world of seafood

Guest speakers: Naotaro Endo (Director of the Film) and Theodore C. Bestor (Director, Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University; author of *Tsukiji: The Fish Market at the Center of the World*)

19:00 – 21:20, July 14th, 2017 (85 minutes of the 110 minutes film will be shown/Free of charge/No RSVP necessary)

Room 414, 4F, Building 2, Sophia University

The Tsukiji Fish Market in Tokyo, renowned as 'the world's largest fish market' is significant not only by its scale but more by the unique role it has played in Japanese food culture. All the best seafood from around the world, about 2,000 tons of fish worth sixteen million dollars arrive at Tsukiji every morning. There are about seven hundred intermediate whole sellers called *nakaoroshi* running their own fish shops under one roof.

Nakaoroshi are fish experts and some of their shops date back many generations. Each *nakaoroshi* specializes in a certain category, such as tuna, shrimp or eel and their ways of doing business, skills and knowledge in handling fish are passed down from generation to generation even to this day.

The Tsukiji Fish Market has catered to the needs of demanding professionals, and their efforts to offer the best quality fish for their customers never cease. Through the lives of professionals working at Tsukiji, the film will portray how Tsukiji has been the center of the culinary culture of seafood, and has helped Japanese food culture to flourish as we know it today.

This screening was made possible by the kind permission of Shochiku Co. Ltd. as a pre-DVD release event. The official release date of *Tsukiji Wonderland* in DVD or Blu-Ray with English subtitles (and region free) is July 26th, but you can preorder it at Shochiku DVD Club (<http://www.shochiku-home-enta.com/shop/>) and other e-commerce sites such as Amazon.co.jp and Rakuten.



TSUKIJI WONDERLAND (2 disk set in DVD or Blu-Ray with English subtitles, region free, additional 109 minute footage that were not shown previously)

DOCUMENTARY / FOOD / Japan / Color / Running time: 110 minutes.

Director: Naotaro ENDO 遠藤尚太郎

Producers: Maiko TESHIMA 手島麻依子 / Kazuha OKUDA 奥田一葉

The film includes interviews with Jiro ONO (Chef of *Sukiyabashi Jiro*) / René Redzepi (Chef of *Noma*) /

Theodore C. Bestor (Harvard University) / Takashi SAITO (Chef of *Sushi Saito*) / Rokusaburo MICHIBA (Chef of *Rokusantei*) / Masuhiro YAMAMOTO (Food critic) / Yukio HATTORI (President, Hattori Nutrition College).

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