

News Release

"Cracking the Case: New Testimonies and Evidence in the Setagaya Family Murder" Wins BEST NEWS PROGRAMME at Asian Academy Creative Awards 2025

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Haruka Jyoho (Producer/Fuji Television Network, Inc.)

The awards ceremony for Asian Academy Creative Awards 2025 (AAA) which determines the most outstanding content selected from among Asia-Pac nations and regions was held in Singapore on Thursday, December 4, and Fuji Television Network, Inc.'s "Cracking the Case: New Testimonies and Evidence in the Setagaya Family Murder" has won BEST NEWS PROGRAMME.



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Asia-Pac's Most Prestigious Awards For Creative Excellence. The best of the best from 17 nations/regions representing the content industry gather each December, in Singapore, competing for the ultimate number one prize, appealing to a global audience. Established in 2018, one work from each nation or region is selected as a representative and advances to the final judging round as a National Winner.



The program was recognized for uncovering new insights into one of Japan's most widely known unsolved cases through rigorous investigative reporting. Using exclusive access to previously unseen crime scene photographs and confidential

DNA analysis conducted by the Metropolitan Police Department, the documentary successfully presents a newly emerging portrait of the suspect. In pursuit of identifying the perpetrator, the program also highlights the need for legal reform to introduce advanced DNA profiling techniques utilized in criminal investigations in the United States. By focusing on what is now required to resolve a long-standing unsolved case, the documentary demonstrates exceptional journalistic integrity, clear and analytical treatment of the facts, and deep insight into the crime itself. Its determined approach to pursuing the truth resonated strongly with the jury and led to this award. This makes it the first time Fuji TV has won this prestigious honor.

Also, "A Kabuki Legacy: Keeping a Father's Promise" was a National Winner for Japan for the BEST DOCUMENTARY PROGRAMME (ONE-OFF) category.



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■ Haruka Jyoho (Producer/Fuji Television Network, Inc.) comments:

"We are truly grateful and deeply honored to receive this international recognition. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who has supported us. Twenty-four years after the incident occurred, we produced this program with two main objectives: to conduct a thorough re-examination of this long-discussed unsolved case based on our own exclusive information and uncover a new profile of the perpetrator, and to offer proposals on what is most needed for the investigation going forward. We believe that the most crucial element in moving closer to solving long-term unsolved cases is ensuring that reporting in pursuit of the truth never ceases. We will continue to investigate and report on unsolved cases from new angles and work to uncover new facts."

About Fuji TV

Fuji Television Network, Inc. (Fuji TV) is one of Japan's leading broadcasters, renowned for its innovative entertainment, high-quality drama, cutting-edge news, and cultural programming. Since its founding in 1957, Fuji TV has been a pioneer in shaping Japan's media landscape, creating content that resonates with audiences both domestically and internationally. With a strong commitment to creativity and global collaboration, Fuji TV continues to deliver compelling stories and experiences across multiple platforms, including television, film, digital, and live events.

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