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UTSA's East Asia Institute Presents - Asian Film Series "Pinoy Sunday"



January 20, 2011 - The East Asia Institute (EAI) will host "Pinoy Sunday" a free public film screening from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2012 in the McKinney Humanities Building room MH 2.01.06 on UTSA's main campus as part of the East Asian Film Series. This film viewing is made possible by the generous support of the Cultural Division of the Taipei Economic and Culture Office (TECO) in Houston. The event is free and open to the public.

Commentaries and open-floor discussions will be available after the screening. In addition, refreshments and soft drinks will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

The movie is about Dado and Manuel, two Filipino migrant workers who live in a strict dormitory provided by their employer. Manuel dreams about furnishing their rooftop hangout but neither of them can afford such a luxury. On their day off, the pair discovers a recently discarded sofa sitting outside an apartment building. Although the two are many miles away from home with no means of transportation, they commit themselves to hiking it back to the dorm.

The purpose of the film screening to introduce Taiwan and the problem it is facing with the rapidly rising aging rate, in addition to the decision about hiring foreign workers. However, this problem is not only unique in Taiwan. Other Asian countries such as China, Japan, and Korea are facing similar issues as well.

UTSA East Asia Institute's mission is to promote appreciation and understanding of East Asian societies and cultures both on campus and in the community through research, outreach,

networking, education, student/faculty exchange, and business development and cooperation. The East Asia Institute organizes seminars, workshops, lectures, conferences, film festivals, visual art exhibitions as well as bringing in performing art groups from China, Japan, Korea, and other Asian nations. It also encourages faculty research collaborations both within UTSA and with participating East Asian university researchers.

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston mission is to promote exchanges and cooperation in trade and investment, science and technology, culture, education and tourism between Taiwan and the southern United States. In addition, the office was established to serve the interests of Taiwanese citizens living and traveling in the area and to provide consular service to those in need.

For more information on this event, please contact the East Asia Institute at 210.458.4943, eai@utsa.edu, or see the EAI's homepage at <http://www.utsa.edu/eai>.