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**HKIFF47 BRINGS THRILLS AND CHILLS
WITH MIDNIGHT HEAT**

22 March 2023 (Hong Kong) – The 47th Hong Kong International Film Festival (HKIFF47) brings thrills and chills to the audience with three riveting films under this year's *Midnight Heat* section.

Danish provocateur Lars von Trier returns with a third season of his deranged hospital psychodrama *The Kingdom*, 28 years after its first airing. Creepy, acerbic and slyly meta-textual than ever, the five episodes of *The Kingdom Exodus* see the Dogma 95 advocate back to his best with this darkly humorous, unapologetically Scandinavian tale that taps into our primal fears surrounding mortality and medicine.

From surreal horror to absurd humour, French director Quentin Dupieux's latest cinematic oddity, *Smoking Causes Coughing*, is a weirdly charming superhero trifle of casual gross-out playfulness and deadpan visual gags. It sways into assorted horrifying stories where joyful irrationality is the new normal.

In his viscerally entertaining thriller, *Project Wolf Hunting*, South Korean director Kim Hong-sun turns a vessel loaded with dangerous criminals into purgatory. The suspense soon escalates into an unfeasibly violent tale, where fistfights give way to unspeakable horrors.

HKIFF47 will take place from 30 March to 10 April, featuring screenings and audience-engagement events in theatres and online. The complete programme and screening schedule are now available through HKIFF's official website (www.hkiff.org.hk). The public can purchase tickets through URBTIX.

Midnight Heat:

1. *The Kingdom Exodus [EP. 1-2]* by Lars von Trier
2. *The Kingdom Exodus [EP. 3-5]* by Lars von Trier
3. *Smoking Causes Coughing* by Quentin Dupieux
4. *Project Wolf Hunting* by Kim Hong-sun

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About The Hong Kong International Film Festival

The Hong Kong International Film Festival (HKIFF) is one of Hong Kong's most significant cultural events annually. It is Asia's longest-running platform for filmmakers, film professionals, and filmgoers worldwide to launch new work and experience outstanding films. HKIFF introduces world cinema to local audiences to enrich and deepen the understanding of Hong Kong moviegoers. Committed to discovering new talent, HKIFF premieres the breadth of Chinese cinema and showcases Asian talent. Festival-goers can enjoy world-class films, attend seminars hosted by leading filmmakers worldwide, visit film exhibitions, participate in receptions and parties, and more. HKIFF draws extensive coverage from the local and international media and has grown in importance as one of the premier platforms for launching films in Asia.

About The Hong Kong International Film Festival Society Limited

The Hong Kong International Film Festival Society Limited (HKIFFS) is a charitable, non-profit and non-governmental organisation dedicated to discovering and promoting creativity in film art and culture. It organises the annual Hong Kong International Film Festival (HKIFF) and the Hong Kong - Asia Film Financing Forum (HAF). Another highlight is the Cine Fan Summer International Film Festival (SummerIFF), held every August. In 2013, HKIFF introduced the repertory HKIFF Cine Fan Programme to enrich and deepen Hong Kong moviegoers' experience through a monthly programme of contemporary, retrospective, and thematic showcases. In 2021, HKIFFS restructured its film industry services and set up HKIFF Industry to promote and

support non-mainstream film industry development through co-production, festival strategies,
and overseas distribution (HKIFF Collection).

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