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**NOMINEES ANNOUNCED IN THE 2009 ASIA PACIFIC SCREEN AWARDS
CAMBODIA'S L'IMPORTANT, C'EST DE RESTER VIVANT NOMINATED**

Cambodia has been nominated in the APSAs for the first time with the nomination of the powerful documentary, *L'important, C'est De Rester Vivant (The Main Thing Is To Stay Alive)*, for the best documentary feature film. The documentary is a co-production with France.

Winners of the region's highest accolade in film will be announced on November 26 at the third annual APSA Ceremony on Australia's Gold Coast.

The Asia Pacific Screen Awards has announced nominees in nine award categories with 37 films representing 16 countries and areas. They are: Australia, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Republic of Iran, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Palestinian Territories, People's Republic of China, (Mainland China/Hong Kong), Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Turkey.

APSA is a unique collaboration between CNN International, UNESCO and FIAPF- International Federation of Film Producers Associations. Films are judged on cinematic excellence and the way in which they attest to their cultural origins.

Winners are decided by the International Jury headed by Huang Jianxin who will be assembled on Australia's Gold Coast ahead of the APSA Ceremony on November 26. The 2009 nominees join past jury members and nominees as members of the Academy of the Asia Pacific Screen Awards.

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