

Teen dreams on screen

A group of ambitious teenagers have made a short film right before graduating from secondary school. Their work has won them numerous awards and the chance to screen their film at an international film festival

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▲ Chan Tsz-shun (left) and his teacher attended the international film festival in France.



▲ The students' film tells a story about the strong friendship between two girls.

AMID the growing trend for microfilms in recent years, an increasing number of teenagers are making movies with encouragement from various newly-launched local film festivals and competitions. Some young talents have even been **catapulted** onto the international stage. Among them, is a group of final-year students from Christian Alliance SW Chan Memorial College (宣道會陳朱素華紀念中學).

They were shortlisted at the Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival (卡萊蒙短片節) in France (法國) for their short film *Journey of Headwind* (《逆風·流》).

Meticulous effort

DIRECTED by Form 6 students Chan Tsz-shun (陳子洵) and Shek Kwan-lok (石昆樂), the film follows a pair of friends who enter an

inter-school singing competition. One of the two girls is **hard of hearing**, and is bullied by the other students. Though they face many hardships, the strength of their friendship finally wins them the respect of their peers and classmates.

"We decided to inject professional film elements into our project: the tone, **soundtrack** and editing are conducted very **meticulously**," says Shek. "We put our camera on tracks to ensure smooth shots, which was one of the key factors that helped us win awards."

Continuous progress

THE film is a collective work by the school's student TV station, with a total of 16 students involved. They have won numerous awards in competitions. Those awards paved the

way for the film to be accepted into the Clermont-Ferrand Festival, where Chan was the sole representative of the team.

"At the festival, I met a first-class film producer from Thailand (泰國), who provided a lot of advice for improvement; for example, cutting more **superfluous** shots and reducing noises during the sound recording," Chan says of his **fruitful** experience.

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Vocabulary

catapult (v) 躍升
hard of hearing (adj phr) 有聽力障礙的

soundtrack (n) (電影的)配樂
meticulously (adv) 仔細的

superfluous (adj) 多餘的
fruitful (adj) 有成果的