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YTV Documentary Three titles Won Awards at the Houston International Film Festival

Three titles from YTV Documentary, produced by Yomiuri TV, received awards at the 56th Houston International Film Festival. *The Power to Live* (26 April 2022 OA) won the Special Jury Award in the Film & Video Production Category under the Children's Series, while *Michan's Sweets Shop* (18 May 2022 OA) and *The Sun and My Son* (25 May 2022 OA) both won Gold in the same category under the Medical/Health/Fitness Series.

The Houston International Film Festival is a film festival with a long history. Following the San Francisco and New York International Film Festivals, it was founded in 1961 as the 3rd film festival in North America. It is known as the oldest independent film festival in the world. Submitted titles are judged under ten categories (200 Series), and only 10-20% of them win awards. Usually, about four to five thousand titles are submitted from all over the world, and those with the highest scores are awarded from highest to lowest: the Special Jury Award, Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze Award.

The Power to Live follows the 25 years that the family of a victim of the Kobe Serial Murders in 1997 spent clinging to a message the victim had left through her first calligraphy work that year; "*The Power to Live*." This won the Jury Special Award, the top prize of its series. *Michan's Sweets Shop* depicts a 15-years-old girl with selective mutism who faces inner turmoil with the help of her family, while *The Sun and My Son* is a documentary featuring the bond between a one-year-old boy who battles xeroderma pigmentosum with the support of his parents. Both titles won the Gold Award.

From YTV Documentary on Yomiuri TV, *Mum, Don't Cry More* won the Platinum Award in 2020.



***The Power to Live* -25years for grief for the family of Kobe Child Murder Case-**

Narrator: Chiyomi Fujita
Director: Masako Horikawa
Producer: Hidekazu Yoshikawa
Cinematographer: Ryo Nishikawa
Editor: Shuzo Matsuzaki



MY SON AND THE SUN

Narrator: Ryoko Hirose
Director: Yuma Abe
Producer: Hidekazu Yoshikawa
Cinematographer: Yusuke Hayashi
Editor: Kunihiro Asada



Michan's Sweets Shop: The Dream of a Girl with Selective Mutism

Narrator: Nene Otsuka
Director: Yuya Maekawa
Producer: Hidekazu Yoshikawa
Cinematographer: Kenji Sugimori
Editor: Shingo Akiyama

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