

## Filmscreening:

# "Straits of Joseon" (1943)

Monday October 27th, 2008 17.00 - 19.00 Lipsius building, room 005



The film, entitled "Straits of Joseon" (Japanese with English subtitles) was made in 1943 and was one of several Korean films made under Japanese occupation only recently discovered in Chinese archives. While earlier Korean-made films often featured the Korean language, the Korean actors in the film all speak Japanese, reflecting Japan's increasingly severe wartime policies of cultural suppression in Korea.

Directed by Park Gi-chae and written by Jo Se Chun Woon, "Straits of Joseon" begins with the protagonist Seong-gi (Nam Seung-min) back home and bowing his head in front of the photo of his older brother Seong-cheon, who has died while fighting for Japan. Seong-gi's father is angry at him for having run away from home after his parents opposed the girl he was seeing. Seong-gi had moved in with Geum-sook (Moon Ye-bong) but hearing about his brother's death, he has left her without knowing that she is pregnant with his child. Seong-gi goes to his uncle (Dok Eun-gi) and tells him that he will volunteer to serve in the army, to follow in his brother's footsteps. . .



The screening of "Straits of Joseon" (Japanese with English subtitles) is connected with the following MEARC lecture, in which the film will be discussed:

Professor Takashi Fujitani  
UC San Diego

"Koreans as Japanese Soldiers During  
WWII: Cinematic Representations"  
Tuesday October 28th, 2008  
15:00-17:00

Leiden University, Lipsius Building,  
LUF room (148)  
Discussant: Dr. Ethan Mark  
Leiden University

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