

Last Life in the Universe

Ruang rak noi nid mahasan

Thailand-Japan/2003/Colour/35mm/112'/Thai-Japanese-English

Direction: Pen-ek Ratanaruang

Producers: Nonzee Nimibutr, Duangkamol Limcharoen,
Wouter Barendrecht, Hiromi Aihara

Screenplay: Prabda Yoon, Pen-ek Ratanaruang

Cinematography: Christopher Doyle

Editing: Patamanadda Yukol

Sound: Amornbhong Methakunavudh

Cast: Tadanobu Asano, Sinitta Boonyasak, Laila Boonyasak, Yutaka Matsushige, Riki Takeuchi,

Awards/Festivals

Bangkok International Film Festival, FIPRESCI Prize, 2004 Fant-Asia Film Festival, 2004, AQCC Award, Jury Prize, Best Asian Film, Best Fantasia Film, Venice Film Festival, 2003, Upstream Prize, Best Actor Toronto, Rotterdam, Pusan, Vancouver, London, Karlovy Vary and Sundance Film Festival, 2004

An obsessive-compulsive Japanese librarian Kenji, living in Bangkok spends most of his empty days contemplating suicide alone in his lifeless apartment. But his attempts to commit suicide are interrupted every time. His life changes completely when he witnesses the death of Nid seconds before he was about to jump off a bridge. This pivotal event paired the lost Japanese with Nid's elder sister Noi as these two lost and lonely souls help each other find the meaning to their meaningless existences. A beautiful and thoughtful meditation on life, death, alienation and reconciliation.

