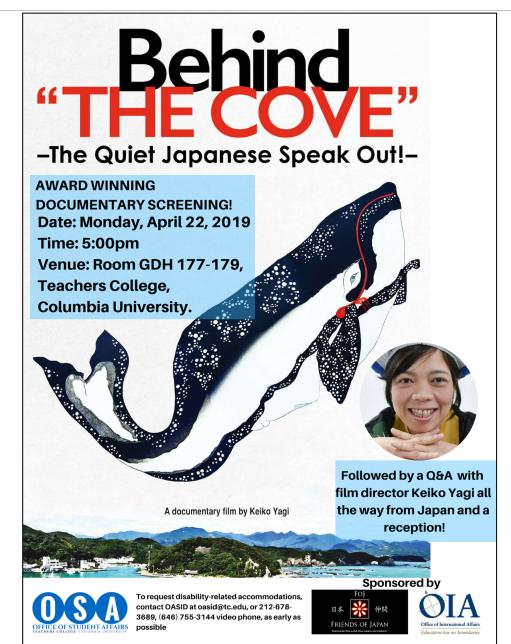
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EARTH DAY AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY: CONTROVERSIAL WHALING DOCUMENTARY SCREENING!



The Japanese government had stated its intention of withdrawing from the International Whaling Commission (IWC) on December 26th of last year and will officially withdraw on June 30th of this year and resume commercial

whaling on July 1st. In the midst of worldwide criticism and disputes to expectedly arise further, it has become apparent

that *Behind THE COVE*, claiming the justification of whaling in Japan, will be screened at a world renowned Ivy League institution, Columbia University.

Until now, Academy Award winning film *The Cove* was frequently shown at educational institutions – and that there were many of those that were opposed whaling. However, *Behind THE COVE* is a movie that provides a balanced perspective for those both for and against commercial whaling in Japan. This is the first time that such a screening will take place in a powerful establishment and as an official event on Earth Day.

In 1969, Earth Day was proposed at the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and every year environmentally based events are held on the 22nd of April.

Producing over 100 Nobel Prize winners, as well as prominent researchers focusing on film theory and Academy Award winners, Columbia University is a great influential educational institution that has a large number of leading graduates in the fields of politics, academics and law in the United States. In particular, the Pulitzer Prize Selection Committee, which aims to improve the quality of reporters, has the largest impact as it is established as the journalism graduate school.

The event is being held by the Teachers College (1886) at Columbia University, which focuses on adult education, and is the first and largest graduate school of education in the United States.

Details are as follows.

Date & Time:	April 22, 2019 (Monday)
5:00pm-6:45pm:	"Behind THE COVE" Screening
6:45pm-7:15pm:	Q&A Keiko Yagi, Director
7:15pm-8:00pm:	Social gathering
Location:	Columbia University Room #GDH177-179

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