



NEW ON NETFLIX. This image released by Netflix shows Takayuki Yamada, left, who stars in "The Naked Director," striking a pensive pose with co-star Misato Morita. The key challenge for Netflix in Japan lies with producing attractive original content, and featuring directors, actors, and writers out of Japan, not just licensing Japanese TV shows and movies. (Netflix via AP)

Netflix woos Japan with new original series about a reporter

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Netflix officials say some Amazon users may use its online retail services without watching streaming content.

Netflix's director of content acquisition, Kaata Sakamoto, has been with Netflix since its Japan launch five years ago. He said hardly anyone expressed interest in making content for Netflix at first.

One hit among its original Japanese content has been its "The Naked Director," based on the life of a pornography filmmaker. It premiered last year and a

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Armacao dos Buzios. She also stood up for her neighbors in Rasa, a poor community filled with the descendants of escaped slaves, becoming their voice in a fight for land rights.

"She brought something to Rasa that no politician would bring: self-confidence," said Rejane Oliveira, her niece and disciple.

When the elder Oliveira died in June at 79, Buzios' mayor decreed three days of mourning. But city hall ruled out holding a ceremony. Because of the virus, officials said, it wasn't safe to gather.

For all its lethality, the virus has claimed far fewer lives than the so-called Spanish flu, which killed an estimated 40 million to 50 million worldwide in two years, just over a century ago.

That pandemic came before scientists had microscopes powerful enough to identify the enemy or antibiotics that could treat the bacterial pneumonia that killed most of the victims. In the U.S., the Spanish flu killed about 675,000. But most of those deaths did not come until a second

second season is being shot.

The chance to pursue topics shunned by mainstream TV coupled with access to global audiences makes Netflix potentially appealing for content creators, according to Motohiro Tokuriku, an expert on net trends who works at Japanese online content platform Note.

"I used to have the theory that Japanese are too used to viewing TV for free, and won't ever sign up for paid streaming services, but that's definitely changing," Tokuriku said.

Wave hit over the winter of 1918-1919.

Up to now, the disease has left only a faint footprint on Africa, well shy of early modelling that predicted thousands more deaths.

But cases have recently surged in countries like Britain, Spain, Russia, and Israel. In the United States, the return of students to college campuses has sparked new outbreaks. With approval and distribution of a vaccine still probably months away and winter approaching in the Northern Hemisphere, the toll will continue to climb.

"We're only at the beginning of this. We're going to see many more weeks ahead of this pandemic than we've had behind us," Gostin said.

Already, though, far too many grieve. "This pandemic has ruined my family," said Rajendra Chaudhary, who lost his son, the young Indian doctor, and then his wife. "All our aspirations, our dreams, everything is finished."

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Taiwanese talent win top prizes at Golden Melody Awards

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwanese talent took home many of the top prizes at the island's annual Golden Melody Awards, which attracts celebrities and musicians from across the Chinese-speaking world and is the regional equivalent of the Grammy Awards.

Wu Qingfeng, a Taiwanese singer, won Best Male Vocalist in Mandarin for his first solo album *Spaceman*.

Waa Wei, another Taiwanese singer, won Best Female Vocalist in Mandarin for her 2019 album *Hidden Not Forgotten*. She cried as she accepted her award, thanking her parents in "heaven."

Taiwanese singer Abao, who had eight nominations, won three awards for her album *Kinakaian* (*Mother Tongue*), including

Album of the Year. Abao, who is a member of Taiwan's minority tribes, sings in a mixture of languages, including her tribe's Paiwan language. The Best Album in Mandarin award went to Joanna Wang for *Love is Calling Me*. Wang was born in Taiwan but grew up in the United States. Hong Kong singer

G.E.M., meanwhile, won the jury's pick.

Fire Ex, a local Taiwanese band, won the award for Best Band. The rock band wrote a song that became the anthem for the island's so-called sunflower movement, a student-led movement that was against Taiwan becoming economically closer to China.

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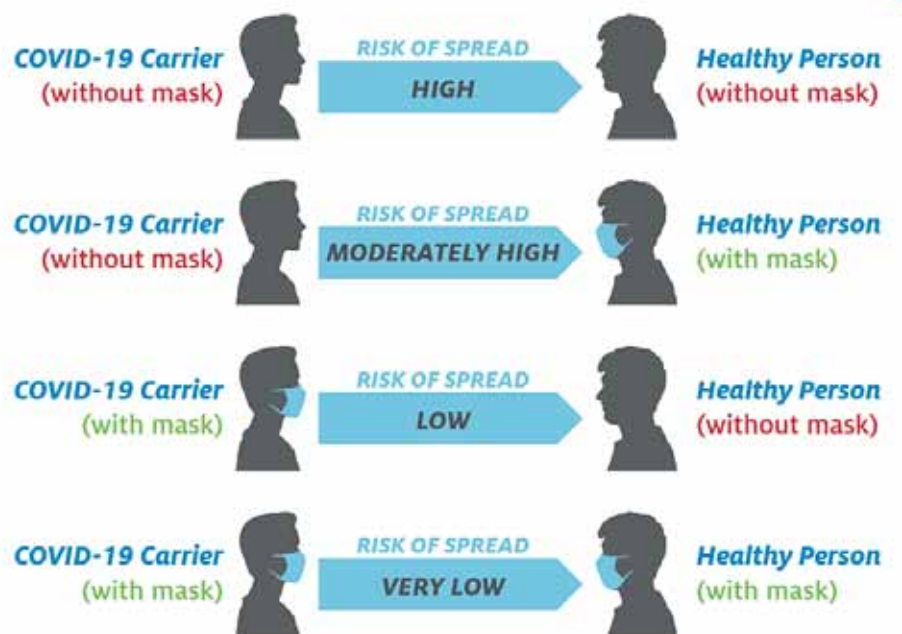
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