

Raging Fire wins best film at Hong Kong Film Awards

HONG KONG (AP) — Action-packed police thriller *Raging Fire* won best film and three other awards at the Hong Kong Film Awards, beating out a crowd favorite film about late Cantopop singer Anita Mui.

The 40th Hong Kong Film Awards took place July 17, after it was postponed thrice from April following the city's biggest COVID-19 outbreak. It was also the first time that the awards were held in-person since 2019.

Raging Fire sees action star Donnie Yen play an incorruptible policeman who ends up going head-to-head with a former mentee played by Nicholas Tse, who wants revenge after Yen's character put him in prison.

The movie is a swan song by director Benny Chan, who died of cancer in August 2020 while the movie was still in post-production.

Chan posthumously won the Best Director Award. *Raging Fire* also won for Best Editing as well as Best Action Choreography.

The film that took home the most awards for the night was *Anita*, a biographical drama film about Mui.

Anita, which was the highest-grossing Hong Kong film in 2021, bagged a total of five awards for Best Costume and Design, Best Visual Effects, as well as Best Sound Design.

The film topped the box office in Hong Kong upon release, eventually grossing \$18.5 million in total box



CHAN'S SWAN SONG. Actor Donnie Yen poses for a portrait in Los Angeles in this March 8, 2020 file photo. Yen plays an incorruptible policeman who ends up going head-to-head with a former mentee in the action-packed police thriller *Raging Fire*, which won best film and three other awards at the Hong Kong Film Awards. (Photo by Rebecca Cabage/Invision/AP/File)

"They helped me gradually understand Anita and the role," she said. "I'm very grateful that I could experience her life."

Malaysian actor Fish Liew, who played Mui's sister Ann Mui, won Best Supporting Actress.

Another big winner at the award ceremony was crime thriller film *Limbo* which is based on the novel *Wisdom Tooth* by Chinese author Lei Mi. The film follows two policemen in their efforts to hunt down a serial killer.

The film won Best Screenplay, Best Art Direction, and Best Cinematography.

Cya Liu, who played a drug addict who becomes a target for the serial killer, won Best Actress for her portrayal of the role.

"I'm grateful for the chance to perform in this movie and for director Soi Cheang's trust and recognition," said Liu.

"With his encouragement, I could completely engage in playing the role and act. Today is the first time in my life ... that I feel the recognition as an actress."

Meanwhile, 85-year-old Patrick Tse took home the award for best actor for his performance in the film *Time*, which centers on the city's neglected elderly population. He was given a standing ovation while receiving his award.

Comedian and actor Michael Hui was also presented a Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to the comedy genre in Hong Kong's film industry.

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audiences coming to Indian films, than vice versa. And Rajamouli's focus is in making Indian films for India and beyond.

"Because of the success of *RRR* with western audiences, I am trying to make a film for the entire world, not just India," says Rajamouli. "But I wouldn't try to locate western sensibilities and try to match up and change my story according to that. I think that would never work."

office sales. It topped the Hong Kong box office upon debut, grossing some 61 million Hong Kong dollars (\$7.8 million) in about seven weeks.

Anita also earned more than 10 million yuan (\$1.48 million) on its opening day at the Chinese box office.

Louise Wong, who played Mui in the film, won Best New Performer.

"Honestly, it wasn't a day (or) overnight that I could play the role Anita," said Wong. "I'm grateful for the team's support and encouragement."

In a third test, Facebook still fails to block hate speech

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violating our Hate Speech policies on Facebook and Instagram in Kenya. During that same period, we also took action on more than 42,000 pieces of content that violated our Violence & Incitement policies," wrote Mercy Ndegwa, director of public policy in East & Horn of Africa.

Global Witness said it resubmitted two of its ads, one in English and one in Swahili, after Meta published its blog post to see if anything has changed. Once again, the ads went through.

"If you're not catching these 20 ads, this 37,000 number that you are celebrating, that is probably the tip of the iceberg. You have to think that there's a lot that's (slipping through) your filter," Palstra said.

The Global Witness report follows a separate study from June that found that Facebook has failed to catch

Islamic State group and al-Shabab extremist content in posts aimed at East Africa. The region remains under threat from violent attacks as Kenya prepares to vote.

"Squid Game" receives Emmy nomination

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cross the streamer's 1 billion hours-viewed mark and was awarded 14 Emmy nods in its freshman year. The cultural impact of the show was nearly immediate. People dressed as the pink-jumpsuited "Squid Game" guards for Halloween, TikTok challenges launched, and memes filled social media.

The success of "Squid Game" comes three years after the South Korean film *Parasite* won best picture at the Oscars, overcoming what its director, Bong Joon-ho, called the "one-inch barrier of subtitles."

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