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Press Release

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LUNG NEAW VISITS HIS NEIGHBOURS

CCA KITAKYUSHU Project Gallery

March 17 – April 25, 2014

Showtimes (Running Time 154 min) Mon – Sat 11:00 / 14:00

Closed on Sundays and National Holiday

CCA Project Gallery presents LUNG NEAW VISITS HIS NEIGHBOURS, a film directed by Rirkrit Tiravanija

We follow Lung Neaw, living off the land, visiting neighbours, in a world of simple realities and compassion for his environment and fellow villagers. We see the basic truths of a humble man, another man making our world turn, to a better revolution.

At the age of sixty, Lung Neaw (Uncle Neaw) finds himself retired from his life as a rice farmer in a small village in the Northern Thai Province of Chiang Mai. Away from the chatter and noise of recent political upheaval, in the capital Bangkok, and the demand for democratic reforms, we follow Lung Neaw in his daily life. We see Lung Neaw living off the land that he has known since he was born, fishing, hunting and foraging for herbs and vegetation in the open fields and forest nearby his home. He goes about the chores of living and fills up his idle time with the practicalities of a rural existence, and in between he finds time to spend with neighbors, from the local sage, to the ailing and aged elephant king deep in the valley, to children who play in his front yard and the youngsters at the local watering hole. Lung Neaw is known in the surrounding villages and his own as the man without enemies, a fair man without judgment and humble with his humility.

We have to ask, "What more can one want when one is already living in Paradise?", in this moment when many people are asking for equality, opportunity, self determination and for democracy in the hands of the people, in Lung Neaw we find both answers and questions to these demands. We find it in the sustenance of self awareness and sufficiency and in compassion and humility, we find it in the narrative of the real and of the simplicity of each day.

- Rirkrit Tiravanija

Rirkrit Tiravanija stayed in CCA Kitakyushu as Professor of Research Program during a month of February 2014.

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