

米兵から暴行を受けた少

を県出身の女優エリカが演

きょう午後

沖国大で上映

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暴行からの再生 映画に

野純子監督(34)と米国 この問題を考えたい」と話 映画は暴行を受けた少女 梶野監督は「一人の

米兵の息子を誘拐。

つながりの表現に挑んでい

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方の感想を聞かせてほしい」と話す 野純子さん(右)とエドワード•コジ ーさん=沖縄タイムス社

息子とのかかわりの中で、 悲しい過去を乗り越えよう

いう米国人の問題意識を目 多くの米国人は軍隊で

え、基地があるために起こ はなく個人の問題ととら

る社会問題として理解しな

と米国側の問題を指

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Film About Recovering From Assault

The film The First Breath of Tengan Rei, which depicts the recovery of a girl who was assaulted by U.S. Marines, will have a preview screening at Okinawa International University in Ginowan on the afternoon of June 28. The film is written and directed by Nagano native Junko Kajino and U.S. born Ed M Koziarski. It's a Japanese and American co-production. The main character Rei is played by Okinawan actress Erika.

Director Kajino says "I would like to think about this issue from the perspective of a Japanese woman." The film depicts the girl 10 years after the assault. The main character Rei looks for the Marines, who have been released from Japanese prison and returned home. She kidnaps one Marine's son, who does not know anything about his father's past. They try to overcome the painful past together.

Director Kajino has spent 13 years in the U.S., and she said she has experienced the reality there that "if you do not raise your voice, you are accepting the problem." The voice of women reflecting the issues of military bases in Okinawa is almost never heard in the U.S., so most Americans don't realize the extent of opposition to the military bases. "We'd like to use the film to share the voices of Okinawans in the U.S. and Japan," Kajino said.

Director Koziarski points out that "when these crimes happen in Okinawa, many Americans think of them as isolated events. They don't recognize it as a problem of the military culture." At the same time, he says "the film isn't propaganda, it's showing the journey of these people who need to learn to connect with each other in order to heal." He emphasizes the human drama in the film.

The screening starts at 2 p.m. in the Library Auditorium at Okinawa International University.