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Richmond International Film & Music Festival 2018 Honorable Mention  
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True stories of ordinary people struggling to rebuild their lives after the Great East Japan earthquake and tsunami of 2011

Courage and compassion in the face of adversity

# 一陽来復 いちようらいふく Life Goes On

Narrator: Norika Fujiwara, Koichi Yamadera

Director: Mia Yoon Co-Director/DP: Takeshi Tsuji

Producer: Yumiko Masuda Associate Producer: Hideyuki Okamoto Supervisor: Shizuo Suzuki

Composed by: Hiroshi Nishio Edited by: Yuichi Iwakiri Music Director: Yasufumi Hikichi Music by: Ryuji Iuchi

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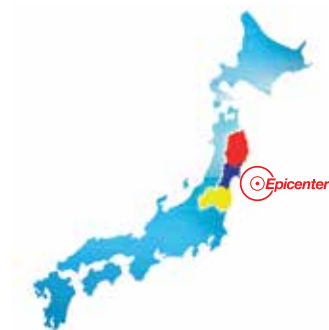
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81 min./2017/Digital/5.1ch/16:9 With English Subtitles

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# Some things are hard to put into words...



**This film successfully portrays the victims' courage in the face of this catastrophic disaster.**

(60's, Male, Saitama, Japan)

**It wasn't simply a moving story. For the first time in my life, I couldn't stop crying in the cinema. You can feel the warmth and courage of the people of Tohoku**

(50's, Male, Tokyo Japan)

**We were all devastated. We all suffered. We were all at rock bottom. But now everyone is trying to live for today.**

**A moving testament.**

(30's, Female, Chiba Japan)

## Life goes on: The tale of the revival of a community

Six years on from the Great East Japan earthquake and tsunami disaster of March 11, 2011. In the heavily devastated area, many people are trying to move forward with their lives while feeling a profound sense of loss or trauma. A couple decides to build a community centre on the site where they lost their three children. An oyster farmer, discovering the mineral-rich sea bed produced in the wake of the tsunami, devises a new approach to oyster cultivation. A hotel manager keeps memories alive by recounting stories from his community to his visitors. A five-year-old girl treasures the photographs of the father she never knew. A farmer in Fukushima defies the evacuation order and continues to grow rice. Each in their separate ways, is learning to live again after the disaster.



## The small hopes and joys of the people of Tohoku

This documentary reveals the everyday realities of the Tohoku region and of Japan today, through the hidden stories of ordinary people living in the affected area. It is also a hymn to life. Director, Mia Yoon, a third-generation Korean immigrant, was involved in the production from development to advertisement and sales; "Life Goes On" is her directorial debut. As a producer, her filmography includes: "Beyond the Tsunami: Onagawa, Hearts Connected". She explains the passion that drives her to continue visiting the area: "The tragedy of Tohoku has been broadcasted to the world, but since then, rays of hope and happiness have begun to emerge, and these stories deserve to be told." The film is narrated by actress Norika Fujiwara, a committed volunteer in the disaster area, and dubbing artist and actor Koichi Yamadera, who is a native of the affected region.

### •Cast

[Ishinomaki] Shinichi Endo/Ryoko Endo/Jean Anderson/Andy Anderson

[Kawauchi] Yoshitaka Akimoto/Sonoko Akimoto/Shigeru Ide

[Minami Sanriku] Erika Okuda/Shun Ito/Tomoko Sato/Kazuma Goto/Kiyohiro Goto

[Kamaishi] Tomokatsu Maekawa/Tomitaro Nihonmatsu/Kenichi Suzuki/Hisao Kashiwazaki

[Namie] Masami Yoshizawa