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Michael Wolk
Gorgeous Entertainment
226 W. 47th Street, 9th Fl.
New York, NY 10036

Dear Michael:

I wanted to let you know how pleased we and our audience were with the Anime Masterpieces GRAVE OF THE FIREFLIES screening/panel on December 6th.

Thanks to your Gorgeous Entertainment team for making the event possible and please forward my thanks and express my gratitude to JETRO for their generous support of this unique event.

As the event's moderator, I was delighted that the presentations and discussion by the panelists assembled by Gorgeous: John W. Dower, Susan J. Napier and Frederik L. Schodt were as stirring in their way as the film itself. In fact, it was one of the most stimulating audience discussions we've had here.

The Washington Post noted that the Anime Masterpieces approach allowed our audience "to take a more active approach to watching anime," and I'm pleased to agree that both the freely distributed Anime Masterpieces GRAVE OF THE FIREFLIES Study Guides and the thought-provoking Q & A with the panelists were especially engaging to the audience, which filled our 325-seat auditorium to capacity.

All the best,

Tom Vick
Film Programmer

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