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## **SHIGEAKI IWAI artist talk AUGUST 24, 4pm**

Shigeaki Iwai

Artist Talk: Family As Between Ordinary And Extraordinary  
4PM August 29 (Saturday)

Shigeaki Iwai's recent works deal with issues of communication and multicultural phenomena in cities and rural areas around the world. He often conducts long-term fieldwork research prior to an exhibition. For *Dialogue*, between 1996 and 1999 he filmed footage that records more than 60 languages spoken in multicultural cities in Europe and Asia. Iwai attempts to represent and reconstruct local communities or traditions in a contemporary way utilizing a range of media including sound, text, video and installation. His work has been exhibited in London, Rotterdam, Aarhus, Stuttgart, Milan, Toronto, Havana, Bangkok, Brisbane, Sydney, Singapore and in many cities in Japan. He has been involved in organizing a number of projects and educational workshops for people of all ages.

*Family as between ordinary and extraordinary* is a long term video project started in 2008 by Shigeaki Iwai. His research tries to seek what is the contemporary image of family by identifying details of family life in three countries, such as Indonesia, Thailand and The Philippines. After covering the two other countries last year, he is now working with nine families in the Philippines as the third phase in this project. His talk will focus on his conceptual framework and show some footages taken in Bangkok, Jakarta, Jogjakarta, Manila and Isabela.

Shigeaki Iwai lives and works in Tokyo. He has represented Japan in the AsiaPacific Triennale, Havana Biennale, and the Fukuoka and Yokohama Triennales.

For further information about his practice please visit <http://iwaishigeaki.com/>

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