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**Chiune Sugihara Biopic “Persona Non Grata” to Premiere  
in Florida at Miami Jewish Film Festival on January 25**

*The screening will be accompanied by remarks from  
Consul General Ken Okaniwa of the Consulate-General of Japan in Miami*

**MIAMI, Fla.** (January 17, 2017) – The Florida premiere of “Persona Non Grata,” taking place on January 25 during the Miami Jewish Film Festival, will feature remarks by Consul General Ken Okaniwa, who will speak about the film’s real-life protagonist, Chiune Sugihara, commonly referred to as “Japan’s Schindler.”

“It’s important to remember the episodes in history that exemplify acts of courage and kindness that transcend borders and bring people together even today,” Okaniwa said. “It will be my honor as Consul General of Japan for Florida to address the audience at the Florida premiere of ‘Persona Non Grata.’”

“Persona Non Grata” tells the true story of Chiune Sugihara, who served as a Japanese Consul in Lithuania during World War II. The film depicts Sugihara’s role in saving the lives of thousands of Jews by issuing them transit visas, helping them flee to Japanese territory from Poland and Lithuania.

Sugihara is the only Japanese person given the designation of Righteous Among the Nations by the Israeli government and honored at Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jerusalem.

The film will be screened on January 25 at 8:30 p.m. at the O Cinema Miami Shores, located at 9806 N.E. 2nd Avenue in Miami Shores. Tickets are \$13 per person and can be purchased online at <https://goo.gl/HQzGgE>.

“Persona Non Grata” is 139 minutes in length. The film is in Japanese and features English subtitles. For more information, contact the Miami Jewish Film Festival at [info@miamijewishfilmfestival.org](mailto:info@miamijewishfilmfestival.org) or 305-573-7304.

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