

## A FILM BY

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## BEYOND THE MOUNTAINS









## SYNOPSIS

"I submerge in the Mondego river's landscape, where I came to live with my parents when I was still a child. leaving behind Tokyo, my hometown. Through the letters I've received from friends and family who remained in Japan, I recall the past and I reflect on our coming to Portugal. This film is a journey with the spirits which remain with me, in an attempt to retain the ephemeral memory."

"Father... Why did you decide to leave Japan?"

"It was because Japan had a lot of pollution. The forest was diminishing. crime was increasing, there were a lot of nuclear power stations and American military bases. I wanted to move to a calmer place. Besides Tokvo, we travelled the whole of Japan, looking for the ideal place to live. And we found some places, but when we investigated further, we always discovered nuclear power stations nearby. And that was frightening. One never knows what might happen..."



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