

The Japan Foundation Touring Film Programme 2010  
Girls on Film: Females in Contemporary Japanese Cinema

**ASYLE (*Park and Love Hotel*)**

Dir: Izuru Kumasaka

Cast: Lily, Hikari Kajiwara, Chiharu, Sachi Jinno

2007/ 35mm/111min/ Colour / English Subtitles



Tsuyako (Lily) runs a dilapidated “love hotel”, renting rooms to couples for short stays. On the rooftop there is a small park where children and old people gather to spend time. Various women come to visit this curious hotel and Tsuyako. They include a girl with a Polaroid camera, a woman looking for her notebook in which she has recorded the number of steps she makes during her morning walks, and a female graduate student who is a regular at the hotel and always carries a briefcase. Tsuyako sees through the loneliness of each woman and provides them with unassuming support. The three women gradually overcome their own problems through their interaction with Tsuyako, in turn helping Tsuyako to face her own problems.