

An Interaction with Martin Repka

The students of LIVE were exposed to a foreign filmmaker for the first time when they met Mr. Martin Repka for an interactive session on 31st August 2018. The Slovak was introduced with a summary of his credentials which were very impressive, but what took everyone by surprise was his short film 'Tiger fight' which was adapted from a Tamil short story.



Mr. Martin Repka

After the screening of 'Tiger fight', students were visibly excited to ask questions to the acclaimed director. He explained why he wanted to make the short film and how he came across the short story by writer Ashoka mitran. He also talked about how helpful the local crew was in getting it done within a short period of time, which he acknowledged was not prevalent in Europe.



Mr. Martin Repka interacting with students

The questions later focused on the technical details of making the film. He was very open to suggestions by the students and discussed the reason for ambiguous/open endings. When asked about his inspiration and how he learnt filmmaking, he was quick to point out the steps he followed, which were watching films, reading books and making films.

He then discussed his future projects, the advantages of short films and documentaries, the availability of funding, the importance of taking time for a quality film and the responsibilities of a filmmaker. He wished everyone for their future endeavours and the discussion came to an end with a photo session.

