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## **LOVE & SPOOKS: IFLIX SET TO LAUNCH BOLD NEW ROMANCE, HORROR ORIGINALS**

**KUALA LUMPUR, AUGUST 30, 2019** – On the back of the exceptional performance of its existing iflix Originals, [iflix](https://www.iflix.com), Southeast Asia's leading entertainment service, confirmed five new titles coming to the platform over the coming months.

Announced at yesterday's ContentAsia Summit, the new slate includes a significant expansion of the *KL Gangster Underworld* universe, with a movie spin-off as well as a second season of 2018's hit series, an epic romance series based on a collection of popular novels, and the company's first foray into horror, a genre typically restricted and censored on mainstream television.

First, out of Malaysia, iflix will launch the much-anticipated movie spin-off in the *KL Gangster Underworld* universe called ***Rise to Power***. Intended to bridge the gap in release schedule between Season 1 (which launched in August 2018) and season 2 set for early 2020, the movie will premiere, for free, exclusively on iflix on 19 September 2019.

In *Rise to Power*, Dynas Mokhtar reprises her role as Madam Wong, to tell the story of how the only woman to lead a KL gang rose to power through guile, grit and ruthlessness. In a suspenseful retelling that chronicles her struggles, she defies patriarchal family tradition while plotting her way to power, taking no prisoners and showing no mercy.

*Rise to Power* reunites film-making veterans from Skop Productions (makers of award-winning movies *Munafik 2*, *Abang Long Fadil 2*, *Evolusi KL Drift 2*, and *KL Gangster*), with renowned directors Faisal Ishak and Syafiq Yusof, who helmed *KL Gangster Underworld* Season 1, to answer critical questions raised in the first season, while foreshadowing even more drama and action in the second.

The new movie will see the return of fan-favourite characters Zan (Hasnul Rahmat), Tauke (Azhan Rani), Shah (Beto Kusyairy), Adi (Zahiril Adzim), and Belut (Amerul Affendi), alongside the "King" from 2001's *KL Gangster* movie played by veteran actor Ridzuan Hashim. The movie also introduces intriguing new characters played by newcomer Elvis Chin, seasoned performer Tony Eusoff (*Saloma*), and TV star Sharifah Sakinah (*Girlfriend Aku Dari Neraka The Series*).

Next, iflix has confirmed **KL Gangster Underworld Season 2**, which goes into production in November, promising even higher stakes and even bigger action sequences when the KL underworld faces a deadly coordinated attack forcing Shah and his allies to uncover the face and motives of their true enemy, and then fight for the ultimate prize...their survival. The second season is slated for release in Q2 2020.

Also out of Malaysia, iflix will release a four-part miniseries of **Ombak Rindu**, Malaysia's biggest romantic drama adapted from Fauziah Ansari's best-selling trilogy. In 2011, a movie adapted from the first book told the story of Izzah, a naïve woman sold into prostitution by her uncle, only to be raped by Hariz who then takes her on as a mistress. In the movie, the two fall in love and end up married. Eight years later, together with production partners Infinitus Entertainment, iflix will complete the dramatization of the trilogy with the serialised adaptation of *Cinta Tiada Akhirnya (Ombak Rindu 2)* and *Rindu Cintaku (Ombak Rindu 3)*, to round out the story of Izzah and Hariz as they face near-unsurmountable trials of their love when dark secrets from the past surface.

The new cast features some of Malaysia's biggest stars, including Remy Ishak who plays Hariz, Izara Aishah who plays Izzah, Datin Diana Danielle who plays Mila, Hanna Aqeela who plays Elin, and Uqasha Senrose who plays Hazirah. Industry veteran, Osman Ali, who spearheaded the 2011 movie, has returned to direct the series.

In Indonesia, iflix will, for the first time ever, explore horror in a six-part series based on a popular collection of books. **Kisah Tanah Jawa** tells the story of Andi and Babon on an ill-fated quest to find their friend who has gone missing on a hike up the mystical Mount Merapi.

In this *Blair Witch*-inspired series, iflix teams up with Rapi Films – makers of Indonesia's highest-grossing horror movie of all time, *Pengabdi Setan* – to bring together an all-star cast of Deva Mahendra, Joshua Suherman, Laura Basuki, Laura Theux, Wafda and Tyo Pakusadewo, for an October 2019 release.

**Kisah Tanah Jawa** will be followed up by the release of **Conversation with Ghosts** (working title), the second six-part series out of Indonesia, starring teen movie star Amanda Rawles as Thalia, a girl desperate to settle into a new school, who is plagued by supernatural events as she uncovers her demonic heritage and tragic destiny. For the first time, iflix, together with renowned production house Screenplay Films, will combine the ever-popular teen drama with

the country's top movie genre, in ways never before seen on the small screen due to local TV censorship guidelines.

**Mark Francis, iflix Global Director of Original Programming**, said, "We're thrilled to build upon our success by venturing into new genres such as Romance and Horror and to work with new production partners of the calibre of Malaysia's Infinitus Films and Indonesia's Rapi Films. These shows represent the best of local entertainment from the region, on-screen talent and are based off incredibly successful intellectual property. Once given the "iflix treatment", we're confident these franchises will delight audiences hungry for quality local storytelling."

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