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By Ezekiel Lee Zhiang Yang

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The movie will draw from the book "Running The Full Distance: Thaddeus Cheong", written by the late athlete's aunt, Belinda Wee, and will be timed for the inaugural Youth Olympics in 2010 according to a press release.

Managing Director of Film Messenger Choi Yoon Hee is quoted as saying: "I have long admired Yasmin's work, and it is so moving and so rare to find such an internationally marketable, socially beneficial film about sportsmanship, family, friendship and unyielding determination."

An early synopsis of the movie includes many dramatic and heart-wrenching highlights, such as strangers turning up at Thaddeus' funeral, whose children received free private coaching from him unbeknownst to his family.

"Go, Thaddeus!" is scheduled for release in Singapore, Malaysia and South Korea in August 2010.

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An early visual of the movie "Go, Thaddeus!" supplied by Lighthouse Pictures



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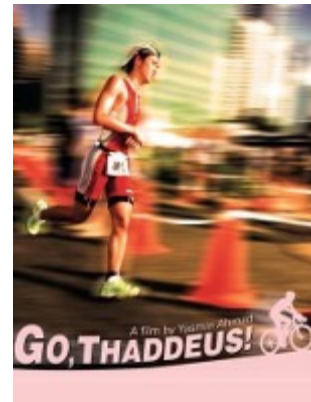
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