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WEB OF NIGHT

SONY MUSIC JAPAN & TOFU RECORDS MUSIC ARTIST, T.M.REVOLUTION TALKS ABOUT ATTENDING HIS FIRST AMERICAN MOVIE PREMIERE AND WALKING ON THE RED CARPET.

T.M.Revolution returned to the City of Angels but not to perform in concert but to attend the Los Angeles premiere of "Spider-Man 2" at the Mann Village and Bruin Theaters on June 22.

The night featured many celebrities walking on the red carpet such as Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, Willem Dafoe, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr, Lukas Haas, Tim Allen, Val Kilmer and many more.

But Takanori Nishikawa (T.M.Revolution / Takanori Makes Revolution) caught the attention of media as he attended the premiere sporting a kimono as he walked on the red carpet.

As for T.M.Revolution's involvement with "Spider-Man 2", the original soundtrack of "Spider-Man 2" in Japan will feature a song by TMR titled "Web of Night". The song is currently used on Japanese commercials promoting the film and will be released as a maxi-single in Japan on July 28.

Before the premiere, Takanori Nishikawa was excited about walking on the red carpet.

"As a Japanese musician, I feel extremely honored to walk on the red carpet in America," said Nishikawa.

"It's very interesting that my music is now used for both Japanese animation ("Mobilesuit Gundam Seed" currently airing on the Cartoon Network) and a Hollywood movie ("Spider-Man 2") for Japan almost at the same time. I'm very happy about that."

When asked about his Japanese kimono, Takanori explained, "I'm wearing a crested-kimono. It is a Japanese traditional outfit and it actually bears my family crest called 'Maru Mokkou.' Since it's a formal occasion I wanted to attire in the most formal style as a Japanese."

The year has been exciting for T.M.Revolution with the release of his album "SEVENTH HEAVEN" in Japan and the United States (from Tofu Records) and a performance at Pacific media Expo in Anaheim, Calif. Takanori had time to reflect on his recent accomplishments.

"When my album was released for the first time in the U.S. last year, everything was unclear and I had no idea how I would be perceived by the huge American market. It was like groping blindly in the dark. But when I heard that my activities in the U.S. were highly valued in the process of selecting an artist (to sing a theme song for the Japan version of "Spider-Man 2"), I felt that the dots I've made in the U.S. started to get connected and became a line. When I'm offered good opportunities like this in the future, I want to keep trying actively."

As for Takanori's opinion on watching a movie in the United States compared to Japan.

"It was great. I enjoyed it very much. I also enjoyed watching people's reactions to the movie in the theater. In Japan people are so into a movie that it feels like they watch it individually. Over here, I felt like watching it together with the other audience. I felt as if I was watching a live show."

As for his first experience walking on the red carpet for a movie premiere, Takanori said, "I don't clearly remember what just happened (laughing). I was very nervous." ■

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* **T.M.Revolution** walks on the red carpet at the Los Angeles movie premiere of "Spider-Man 2".