



SUICIDE CIRCLE

Jisatsu Sakuru

Japan is in Crisis. Despite being one of the wealthiest nations in the world, 30,000 people a year are committing suicide – 1 every 15 minutes. The ripple effect is enormous. 10 times as many as those who succeed try and fail – 300,000 per annum. Discovering why the Japanese have always viewed suicide as an honourable solution is a complex task, attempted by many. Others are so profoundly moved by losing someone that they halt their careers mid-stride and devote their lives to trying to stop the epidemic of this darkest of deaths. We follow these very different unsung heroes, as they listen to and assist the saddest people of all ages, all over Japan. We find them on the edge of cliffs and forests, on phone lines and infiltrating internet chat rooms, where potential suiciders meet to find strangers to die with, known as suicide circles. Closer to the edge, in the hearts and minds of the contemplators, we finally comprehend.



Developed with the assistance of Screenwest and Lotterywest
Aquarius Productions +61 417 189 323 aquarius33@bigpond.com
Writer: Sarah Rossetti Producer: Richard Todd