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KPop Demon Hunters' makes HISTORY at Oscars	January 22, 2026	Netflix's animated film <i>KPop Demon Hunters</i> earned two historic nominations at the 98th Academy Awards including Best Animated Feature and Best Original Song for "Golden." This marks the first time a K-Pop song has been nominated at the Oscars, signaling a major global breakthrough for K-Pop beyond music charts into film awards. The dual nominations recognize not just the film's creative achievement but also the genre's growing influence on Hollywood and international audiences.	Nomination (n): Official recognition as a candidate for an award (e.g., Oscar).	This moment is a huge milestone for Asian pop culture. K-Pop artists have long excelled in music, but KPop Demon Hunters breaking into major international film awards shows Asian entertainment's expanding global footprint. Its success could open doors for more Asian creators in categories traditionally dominated by Western studios, and it reflects the growing blending of music, animation, and international storytelling. The recognition of a K-Pop song at the Oscars also validates the genre's artistic reach beyond its fanbase.

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Anime Conventions Attract Thousands of Fans Across Southeast Asia	September 14, 2025	<p>Anime conventions in countries such as Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Singapore have seen record attendance in 2025. Events featuring cosplay competitions, voice actor panels, anime merchandise, and fan art exhibitions attracted thousands of fans. Organizers stated that these conventions help build creative communities and support local artists. The article also highlights how anime conventions boost local economies through tourism, hotels, and small businesses.</p>	<p>Convention (n): a large meeting for people with shared interests.</p>	<p>This article shows that anime conventions play an important role in strengthening fan communities and supporting creative expression among young people. These events provide spaces for cultural exchange and personal identity development. However, as conventions grow in size and popularity, organizers may face challenges related to crowd management, commercialization, and inclusivity. While anime conventions clearly benefit local communities, careful planning is necessary to ensure they remain accessible and meaningful rather than purely commercial events.</p>

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Studio Ghibli Films Remain Popular Among New Asian Audiences	June 8, 2025	Despite being decades old, Studio Ghibli films continue to attract new audiences across Asia. Movies like <i>Spirited Away</i> , <i>My Neighbor Totoro</i> , and <i>Howl's Moving Castle</i> remain popular on streaming platforms and in cinema re-releases. Critics note that the studio's themes of nature, peace, childhood, and emotional growth resonate strongly with modern viewers, especially in a fast-paced digital world.	Resonate (v): To create a strong emotional connection.	This article suggests that Studio Ghibli's continued popularity is due to its timeless themes and emotional storytelling. Unlike many modern productions that rely heavily on spectacle, Ghibli films focus on simplicity and meaning. However, nostalgia may also contribute to their enduring success. While these films continue to resonate with new audiences, it is uncertain whether newer studios can replicate the same long-term cultural impact.

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Netflix Expands Original Anime Production in Asia	August 25, 2025	<p>Netflix announced an expansion of its original anime productions, partnering with animation studios in Japan and other Asian countries. The company plans to fund new anime series and films aimed at global audiences while preserving Japanese storytelling styles. Industry experts say this move reflects anime's strong international demand. However, concerns were raised about creative control and whether global platforms might influence traditional anime aesthetics.</p>	Aesthetic (n): A particular artistic style or appearance.	<p>The article suggests that Netflix's investment in original anime reflects the global demand for Asian animation. This expansion creates opportunities for studios and artists to reach wider audiences. However, involvement from global streaming platforms may influence creative decisions and storytelling styles. Although international collaboration can be beneficial, it is uncertain whether traditional anime aesthetics and cultural authenticity can be fully preserved under global market pressures.</p>

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<p>“Demon Slayer: Infinity Castle” Becomes One of the Most Successful Anime Films Worldwide</p>	<p>July 22, 2025</p>	<p>Demon Slayer: Infinity Castle has become one of the most successful anime films in Asia this year. In Japan, it set a new opening weekend record, earning millions in just three days, and surpassed previous Demon Slayer releases within two weeks. South Korea also saw high admissions, making it one of the top-grossing Japanese films there. The movie has expanded internationally, with screenings in India, the U.S., and other countries. Analysts say the film’s success is due to its strong storytelling, appealing visuals, and the already large fanbase built from the manga and previous anime adaptations.</p>	<p>Box office (n): Money earned from cinema ticket sales.</p>	<p>The article shows that anime can now compete with mainstream films in Asia and internationally. While the film’s success highlights the power of a strong fanbase, it also raises questions about whether studios will focus mostly on sequels and popular franchises rather than new, original anime. Overall, Demon Slayer: Infinity Castle demonstrates that anime is more than just a local phenomenon; it is becoming a major cultural and commercial force across Asia. However, sustaining long-term success will depend on balancing creativity with commercial strategies.</p>