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Synopsis

In the near future, North and South Korea are taking steps towards unification, beginning with the opening of a railroad line across the peninsula. Suddenly, however, Japan claims the right to run the railroad, based on documents signed during the colonial era, and asserts it is willing to go to war to get its way. As the Korean president ponders what to do, a historian claims that the documents cited by Japan are actually forged, and proposes a way to prove this: the documents were signed with a fake imperial seal, made by the emperor Kojong himself. They have to find this seal quickly to prove the forgery, but the Korean Prime Minister himself is on the Japanese side and tries to destroy it. The President is even victim of a poisoning to keep him away from the power. Hopefully, the historian helped by faithful ministers, a descendant of the royal family and KCIA agents finds the seal. Japan is forced to step back... (Source: koreanfilm.org)

Data sheet

Director: KANG Woo-suk (강우석 / 康祐碩) (DOB 1960)

Main Cast: MOON Sung-keun, CHO Jae-hyun, CHA In-pyo

Release Date: JUL 13 2006

Genre: Action

Production: KnJ Entertainment Inc

Producer: JUNG Sun-young

Screenplay: KIM Hui-jae, LEE Hyo-chul

Cinematography: CHOI Young-taek

Editing: GOH Im-pyo

Lighting: KIM Hyung-chul

Music: HAN Jae-kwon

Art Director: LEE Tae-hoon

Distribution: CJ Entertainment Inc.

147 mn, 35mm, Color

Rate: Over 15

Box-office results: 3,880,808 nationwide, on 126 screens in Seoul only (5th position on 108 films released).