

East Asian Entertainment Buzz: Actor's Passing, Idol Controversy, and Film R

East Asian Entertainment · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. As of early June 2026, which Chinese actor tragically passed away at the age of 33, with his agency withholding the cause of death?

- A) Zhang Yifan
- B) Jin Ze**
- C) Wang Herun
- D) Xin Zhilei

2. A controversy arose in June 2026 involving ZEROBASEONE's Gunwook regarding an alleged 'bad attitude' during a fan event. What was the main accusation?

- A) Failing to attend the event
- B) Revealing private fan information
- C) Allegedly manipulating a Polaroid prize drawing**
- D) Starting a public argument with another member

3. The film 'Dear You', a breakout hit in the Chaoshan dialect, announced its global rollout in June 2026. What is its approximate cumulative box office on the Chinese mainland as of early June 2026?

- A) 500 million yuan
- B) 1.5 billion yuan**
- C) 1 billion yuan
- D) 2 billion yuan

4. Which K-drama, premiering in June 2026, stars Lee Jae-wook as a plastic surgeon assigned to a remote island and Shin Ye-eun as a nurse with a secret?

- A) Agent Kim Reactivated
- B) Teach You a Lesson
- C) Notes from the Last Row
- D) Doctor on the Edge**

5. In June 2026, which K-pop girl group made a full group comeback after nearly four years with their new release '4WARD'?

- A) BABYMONSTER
- B) Kep1er
- C) MAMAMOO**
- D) Apink

6. The Japanese entertainment industry is experiencing a box office boom in 2026. Which acclaimed director's film, 'Sheep in a Box,' was featured on the closing night of Japan Society's Japan Cuts festival?

- A) Yoji Yamada
- B) Gakuryu Ishii
- C) Hirokazu Kore-eda**
- D) Shingo Yamashita

7. Singer and actress IU became involved in a political controversy in early June 2026. What was the controversy related to?

- A) A dispute with her agency
- B) Allegations of plagiarism
- C) Comments on her Instagram regarding election disputes**
- D) A new music release being leaked

8. Which K-pop group's unit, V8, consisting of Vernon and The8, is set to debut at the end of June 2026?

- A) ATEEZ
- B) Seventeen**
- C) Riize
- D) BoyNextDoor

9. Sandara Park was appointed a goodwill ambassador in June 2026. For which organization was she appointed?

- A) The Busan Film Festival
- B) South Korea's Overseas Koreans Agency**
- C) The Seoul Music Awards
- D) The Korean Cultural Heritage Foundation

10. Which upcoming Chinese drama, set to premiere in July 2026, stars Song Weilong and Zhang Jingyi and is produced by Mango TV?

- A) Overdo
- B) Love For You**
- C) When I Meet the Moon
- D) Pursuit of Jade

11. The K-pop music program 'The Show' returned in June 2026 on which channel, with a new executive producer?

- A) Mnet
- B) SBS LIFE**
- C) KBS2
- D) JTBC

12. In June 2026, which K-drama starring So Ji-sub features him as a former covert inter-Korean agent who is now an accountant and a father?

- A) Doctor on the Edge
- B) Teach You a Lesson
- C) Agent Kim Reactivated**
- D) Notes from the Last Row

13. Which Chinese actor, known for his roles in 'Love Like the Galaxy' and 'The Long Ballad', is exploring China's green energy transformation in the documentary series 'Exploring the Future: The Answer is Earth' set for release in 2026?

- A) Wu Lei
- B) Zhang Linghe**
- C) Dylan Wang
- D) Lu Yuxiao

14. Which K-pop group's EPs, 'Atmos' and 'New Wav,' were released in early June 2026, signaling a busy month for male acts?

- A) BoyNextDoor and Jay B
- B) Shinee and Treasure**
- C) Riize and Ateez
- D) Seventeen and V8

15. The animated film 'Cosmic Princess Kaguya!' concluded its theatrical run in Japan on June 18, 2026. What was its cumulative gross in Japanese yen?

- A) Over 1 billion yen
- B) Over 2.5 billion yen**
- C) Over 500 million yen
- D) Over 1.5 billion yen