



Cameras Start Rolling on 'Wolf Totem'

After years of preparation, French director Jean-Jacques Annaud has finally begun to shoot the film "Wolf Totem".

Annaud signed to helm the project in 2009, but raising and training wolves took three years.

A simple ceremony was held Friday on the set on the outskirts of Beijing. A limited number of guests were invited so as not to disturb the wolves.

"Wolf Totem" is an adaptation of the Chinese best-selling novel of the same

name, written by Jiang Rong. It tells the story of a young man who tries to raise and befriend a wolf cub.

Twenty wolves have been well-trained to "act" in the film, according to a report by Sina.com.cn.

No human actors or release schedules were announced.

A source from distributor China Film Group says filming the scenes with wolves and other animals will take half a year. Scenes with wolves and humans will be completed around the end of next year.

