

Japanese Cultural Events Win Hearts in Yekaterinburg

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Two of our Japanese sisters attended a meeting of five ethnic minorities living in the city of Yekaterinburg.

In the December 22 meeting in the Palace of Culture of the Urals, representatives of Chuvashia, Bashkiria, Dagestan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan each talked about their New Year traditions. The songs, dances and videos from each group made it absolutely clear that every place where such people live is good.

Having learned that the Japanese sisters, Yuri and Tomoe, have no suitors, they began to tell how, with the help of parents and folk remedies such as felt boots, one can find worthy husbands.



The story of our sisters was listened to very carefully. Many people there were seeing Japanese people for the first time, although almost all the guests had read about Japan. The sisters sang and danced and, together with Ilzan, one of the Yekaterinburg members, told about the project United Korea.

Natalya Petrovna Edunova, the leader of Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) of Yekaterinburg, and Andrey Burashnov, the leader of FFWPU for the Urals region, had been working hard to collect and re-establish contacts so that our movement once again could hold programs in this house of culture, which in 2005 had banned us.



We met with all representatives of the five ethnic minorities, and we agreed with two about holding a Japanese evening in their territory. Now we are thinking about inviting these groups to Marriage Blessing ceremonies and Divine Principle education.

On the evening of December 22, a New Year's celebration took place in the church office. The guests were very young, and there were active games and cordial communication. Representatives of the Japanese Club from the Yeltsin Center also came there and invited the Japanese sisters and everyone to visit them at the Orthodox Christmas in early January.



On December 24, there was a second Japanese cultural evening attended by 13 guests. The interesting activities included contests for writing haiku and for eating with chopsticks, drawing, a tango master class and a "secret Santa" gift exchange. Through these two events we became acquainted with the leaders of these ethnic minorities. We will communicate with them about holding Family Festivals with their help.

