

## FFWPU UK: After years in EUME Region, Katsumi Ohtsuka has a mission in Japan

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Thank You, Dr. Ohtsuka!

After many years of dedicated hard work and of serving our European and Middle Eastern Region, Dr. Ohtsuka will be taking on a new mission. Let's wish him all the best!



Dear Families of the EUME Region,

This morning we received a brief message from the International Headquarters, which many of you may have already seen. It announced a change of mission for Dr. Ohtsuka, who has served as our Cheon Eui Won Chair in Europe and the Middle East for the past four years, and a Special Emissary since July 2017. In addition to those roles, he worked very hard together side by side with Jacques Marion as the co-chair

of UPF, with a special focus on the Balkans. Moreover he has often helped minister to all the Japanese members who are living here in Europe. We will really miss him!



I spoke to Dr. Ohtsuka earlier this morning. He is in good spirits. He explained that he has been asked to return to Japan where as we all know, the FFWPU and our whole movement are under an unprecedented and unfounded attack. I am sure he has been asked to help strengthen our team there, but please understand that, given the circumstances, it may be that we will not hear an immediate public announcement of a new role.

Fumiko and I are particularly grateful for Dr. Ohtsuka's friendship, wise counsel and encouragement over many years. We are very mindful his wife Taeko and all of his family have had to make sacrifices with him being so often away from Japan, not just while here in Europe and the Middle East but during all his previous international service in Russia, Africa and all around the world.

All of us in Europe and the Middle East are most grateful to Dr. Ohtsuka for his years of dedication, love and service in our region and we offer him and his family all our best wishes for his new roles and responsibilities!

