

A Letter from the Japanese IOWC - Holding 3-Day Festivals across the Nation

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Much love and best wishes from the Japanese IOWC. In Japan there are six teams -- Mr. Dyk, Mr. Onishi, Mr. Ueyama, Mr. Streit, Mr. Kim Setton and Mr. Suzuki. The teams were split in large cities throughout Japan for 40 days and the same teams have now arrived in another six cities to continue with their witnessing.

I am a member of the New Hope Singers International. Heavenly Father has given us the opportunity to visit all the centers (where the IOWC teams have been) and we held a 3-day Festival in each city. So we have had the opportunity to meet many important people. In most of the cities we have visited we have held banquets and through the banquets we have met many important people high up in the government and well-known influential people. In all cities we have had the opportunity to meet the mayor and we have received many gifts from these important people.

In the last city we were at (Osaka) the leader of Mindan people invited all the New Hope singers and the Korean Folk Ballet for dinner. We went to a Korean restaurant; it was the first time that I had a Korean meal.

We also had the opportunity to visit many historical places in Japan. Mr. Oyamada took us out for a day to Blue Ocean Island; first we had a trip round the island and later we landed and had a wonderful day exploring in caves, fishing, having treasure hunts, games, and sight-seeing. We had a wonderful day.

I have seen many great changes in the IOWC members from Europe. Many are growing very quickly and every time I see them there are more changes, and I am sure that Heavenly Father is happy with their progress.

Just now we are at Chiba and our next city will be Mito (further north). Now it is springtime -- the weather has been quite warm and with the traveling we have been doing we had the chance to see much beautiful scenery with the sun shining on the landscape. When we travel we see many rice paddy fields and tangerine trees and now there are many colorful cherry blossoms.

Heavenly Father depends on each one of us and He has handpicked us for our different missions in different countries.