

## UPF and Hyo Jeong Department's Japanese Cultural Afternoon in Dusseldorf

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Universal Peace Federation Düsseldorf and the Hyo Jeong Arts and Culture Department collaborated in hosting the Japanese Cultural Afternoon at the Peace Embassy in Düsseldorf, Germany on November 10, 2018.

After a month's worth of preparations, cleaning and refurbishing the embassy and distributing flyers around town, the event saw nearly 100 people attend which was a very new experience. The event was dedicated to the early October flood and tsunami victims in Indonesia. [WEFA](#) (Weltweiter Einsatz für Arme) gave a presentation during the event about their work in Indonesia and other regions and thankfully received 365€ that were collected during the event.

The afternoon was split into three parts: During part one, we offered several activities in different rooms: putting on a kimono, learning how to fold origami, trying to write traditional calligraphy, getting your portrait painted by Hirooki Hatori, a Japanese aspiring artist, and browsing through Japanese second-hand items for sale; all while enjoying Japanese tea and snacks.

For the second part everyone gathered in the main hall to listen to some Japanese musical performances. As a way to transition into the culinary part of the event, Anja and Sergio Brina, UPF Düsseldorf representatives, lead everyone into a blessing toast that celebrated peace and families.

The cultural afternoon concluded with catching up with friends and trying out traditional Japanese food like curry rice, yakisoba, and maki-sushi.

