

# WFWP-Japan volunteers visit to Ukraine

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WFWP-Japan delegation of 13 people, headed by the president Mrs. Moriko Hori and including nine youth volunteers, spent 10 days in Ukraine. They had diverse program with regional and City level actions, charity projects, farming, sisterhood ceremony, visiting opera and ballet, sightseeing and so on.

As WFWP-Japan has long-term project for children suffered from the consequences of Chernobyl disaster, the program started with the Chernobyl topic. Japanese guests had a meeting with Chernobyl Union-International president, who presented award to Mrs. Moriko Hori for long-term help to Chernobyl children. After that, they had excursion by the Chernobyl museum, visit and laying flowers in special Chernobyl memorial and moving meeting with Mrs. Natalya Pravyk – a mother of Chernobyl hero, who led the fire brigade that first extinguished fire after the explosion at the nuclear station. Another moving experience was visiting three generations Chernobyl families – beneficiaries of WFWP-Japan project.



On September 7 students' symposium in General Direction of International Representatives media center gathered the best students of the Ukraine National University of Shevchenko. They presented useful facts about outstanding women of Ukraine and current state of women's rights in the nation. Japanese youth participants shared about educational system and women's rights in Japan. Mrs. Moriko Hori and Mrs. Tatiana Kotseba - WFWP-Ukraine head of the board gave interview to the national TV channel.

On September 8, the Japanese guests took part in the International musical festival held in the central capital library. After that, exciting bridge of peace ceremony made Japanese and Ukrainian young ladies sisters forever.

The day after Japanese guests went to Radomyshl town, to the beautiful and ancient home icon museum that became a venue for Japanese cultural and charity project. The project went in cooperation with NGO "People help people", initiated by the head of the Ukraine Parliament health care committee Mrs. Olga, Ambassador for Peace and WFWP-Ukraine old partner. Around 40 children who lost their parents at war at the Eastern Ukraine, together with relatives took part in that cultural rehabilitation event.

On September 11, the delegation visited Zhytomyr City. After the round table with the regional vice-governor on humanitarian affairs and a head of the regional education department, our delegation held a charity project

in the local orphanage. The whole program in Zhytomyr was held under patronage by the Commissioner of the President of Ukraine for Children's Rights.

The day after, September 12, there was very beautiful project in Irpen City that has long-time cooperation with WFP-Ukraine. The young 33-years old woman City-mayor organized planting of sakura and traditional Ukrainian viburnum as a symbol of friendship between our nations.

