

# Japanese Culture Creates Family Atmosphere

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Three Japanese Cheon Il Guk missionaries organized a Japanese Culture Night in Bucharest, Romania, on Friday, December 6. Romanian members and new guests had a beautiful time together, learning about Japanese culture and playing games together as a family.

Preparations for this event started one month ago. We desired to show to Romanian young people the principles and life lessons that form the background of Japanese culture. We prepared a presentation with lessons from Japanese folk stories and New Year's traditions. All the participants enjoyed the presentation.



Then the missionaries explained about the Japanese traditional game Fukuwarai, and we made four groups to play together. This traditional game started with a proverb: "Fortune comes to the laughing gate." Japanese people play this game on New Year's Day in order to laugh

together to bring fortune to their home. A player wearing a blindfold will put facial parts on a picture of a blank face. And others will guide him or her to put all the parts on the right places. But usually the face becomes very funny, so this game brings a lot of laughter. All of our participants also enjoyed playing it, with a lot of laughing.



It was a beautiful experience for all the participants to understand the life principles behind Japanese culture and the importance of sharing positive time together as a family. We are sure that all the Romanian young people who participated in this event could feel the meaning of life and they can remember this for their life. We will continue with our activities, encouraging young Romanians to see the value in their life!

We are so grateful to offer this report in front of Heavenly Parent and True Parents!

