

**REPORT
OF
JAPAN-RUSSIA STUDENT FORUM 2006
Held at Moscow from 30 August to 3 September 2006**

Students of Japan and Russia gathered at Moscow State University with an aim to strengthen the bilateral relation. Based on the aim, we sought a way for both states to cooperate through student conference and cultural exchange.

Student Conference

Session 1: Peace and Stability in the Far East and Pacific Region.

We examined our topic from perspectives of economy and politics. As economical issues, we agreed that the increase of energy trading and direct investment from Japan onto Russia can encourage more economical growth. As political issues, we confirmed the significance of Japan-Russia cooperation in order to solve international problems in East Asia, such as that of China and North Korea. Despite the different diplomatic approaches in the region, bilateral partnership is essential. In the end, we agreed that signing peace treaty between Japan and Russia is indispensable.

Session 2: Environment Problems – efficient use of energy

We discussed environment problems caused by energy use with Japanese team's presentation. As a conclusion of our discussion, we came up with a proposal for both states taking initiative on Kyoto Protocol to prevent progress of Global Warming. Our great achievements in this session were that we could share the significance of advocating environmental consciousness to other states and could make one final document with our proposals for future generations.

Session 3: Japan and Russian Cooperation under the Framework of G8

The Japan-Russia cooperation in the framework of G8 was reassured. Regarding the nuclear issues in North Korea, we have confirmed that the improvement of current non-proliferation system is indispensable. We would like to note that this issue should be solved through diplomatic efforts. We have also agreed that cooperation in the field of energy security and environmental protection are essential. Finally, transparency of the trade market must be secured.

Session 4: Art of Japan and Russia: the Past and Present

We found that art can be categorized into two types; tacit-knowledge and explicit-knowledge. Japanese traditional art is former and Russian is latter.. Proper understanding of art must lead to the proper understanding of nationality since the art is a mirror of mentality and history of a state. We believe that exchange of art can foster goodwill between Japan and Russia.

Session 5: Intercultural communication

We discussed the view of life, status of women, fairytales, attitude toward working, national character, and education of Japan and Russia. From the discussion we finally recognized that we still regard each other with stereotypes. In order to resolve this situation, we have to create more opportunity for Japanese and Russians to communicate with each other.

Cultural Exchange

Sports

We are honored to have an opportunity of non-verbal communications with Russian students through demonstrating Judo. We hope sports will be a way to deepen firm friendship between Japan and Russia.

Music

We, Japanese musicians, are proud and appreciate that we could stand on a stage in Moscow: the historical city of western music. It is our unforgettable pleasure that the audience gave warm welcome and enthusiastic cheers to our music. This experience made us certain that music is an international language everyone can share with.

The Japan-Russia Student Forum 2006 has raised our awareness of youth power. We are strongly convinced of the value of mutual partnership between the two states. Both students come to the conviction that we are the one who should take initiative of the corporation.

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