## Japanese delegation visit to SibFU

"Society of Aichi for developing friendship and closer relations between Japan and Russia" paid a visit to the University on June 1st, 2015.

The delegation of 16 representatives included members of the Legislative Assembly of Aichi prefecture, businessmen, cultural and social figures. It was the 8th time the Society came to Krasnoyarsk during the 15 years of collaboration between the city and the prefecture.

The chairman of "Aichi Society" Kiyotaka Katagiri said: "We would like to raise Krasnoyarsk people's awareness of the Society. I believe this visit is an excellent opportunity to discover more about Russia, proceed with the previously targeted work and think over new directions of cooperation between our countries".

At the meeting of the delegation with the Rector of SibFU Eugene A. Vaganov and representatives of the Krasnoyarsk Region government a proposition on collaboration for development of biomedical cluster in Krasnoyarsk region has been announced. The discussion also covered possible ways of integration between the University and Aichi prefecture companies, as well as opportunities for SibFU students to go to Japan for summer internship programs.

The stay of the delegation was full of events within the University, including some activities related to the Japanese culture which took place at the SibFU Centre for Japanese language and culture. It also could not do without a traditional for the Japanese guests in Krasnoyarsk visit to the memorial of the Japanese prisoners of war.

As usual, the delegation presented the University with a number of fiction and student books in Japanese, as well as some national souvenirs.

The next visit of the Society to Krasnovarsk is planned for 2016.

## Reference

"Society of Aichi for developing friendship and closer relations between Japan and Russia" is one of Japan's largest non-governmental organizations.

It was founded in 2001 and comprises over 100 people. The Japanese Legislative Assemblies, rectors and professors of Aichi universities, leaders of regional mass media, major figures in social, cultural and business life of Japan are represented in the Society.

The mission of "Aichi Society" is fostering the relationship between Japan and Russia on a regional level and raising the interest of Aichi prefecture with its administrative centre – the city of Nagoya – in Russia altogether and Krasnoyarsk region in particular.

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