

First Kyudo Tournament for Cup of Japan Consul General in Saint Petersburg

First Kyudo Tournament for Cup of Japan Consul General in Saint Petersburg took place on **21-22 of June 2014**.



The tradition of conducting Kyudo tournaments during white nights originated in Saint Petersburg in 2013 – Year of Second World Combat Games, which were held in Saint Petersburg and were triumphant for Russian team, competed with a satisfactory result of winning places and prizes. First Interregional Kyudo Tournament took place In advance of World Combat Games within the program of “White Nights. Kyudo-Style 2013”. With successful experiment of previous events, Consulate General of Japan in Saint Petersburg decided to launch the initiative of RPO “Saint-Petersburg Federation of Traditional Kyudo” and established first ever in history of Kyudo development in Russia Consul General Cup in the year of Year of Russian-Japanese martial arts exchanges. The Consulate General of Japan gave a helping hand in organizing First Kyudo Tournament for Cup of Japan Consul General in Saint Petersburg within Kyudo event “White Nights. Kyudo-Style 2014” which now became an annual affair.



In a welcoming speech Consul General of Japan in Saint-Petersburg, Mr. Yoshihiro Yamamura denoted Kyudo as a multifaceted martial art and also being absolute inseparable from warriors traditions of the past in its modern form allows to express one's fine manifestation of deep mentality by minimum means. Mr. Yamamura compared tradition of Japanese archery to the Noh theater tradition, which is as symbolic and strict in hierarchy. He greeted everyone who display interest in Japanese culture in general and Kyudo particularly, and said a word of best luck to tournament participants. From amongst special guests some also addressed participants with welcoming speech – Executive Director of Russian Union of Martial Arts (RUMA), President of IPO “Saint-Petersburg and Leningrad Region Aikido Federation” Mr. Skrylev Valeriy and Master of Sports, Head coach of Target archery division of Top Sportmanship Comprehensive School (TSCS) Mr. Yalishev Aleksandr. Everyone wished every success for participants and emphasized ultimate historical importance of present event.



The opening ceremony ended with demonstrations of invited guests – representatives of amicable clubs of various Japanese martial arts. Cherepovets Martial Art Centre members represented ancient art of Tenshin Shoden Katori Shinto-ryu (Instructor Potapkov S.), Representatives of Saint-Petersburg club “Seidokan” acquainted visitors with an art of Iaido, Muso Jikiden Eishin Ryu Iai Heiho branch (Instructor Kulakov S.).



The last one was demonstration of Kyudo by members of RPO “Saint-Petersburg Federation of Traditional Kyudo” (Instructor Lazo. S.).



After the opening ceremony all the honored guests were invited to join tea ceremony, organized and conducted by “Chanoyu” Tea Art studying club members (Director Burmistrova N.).

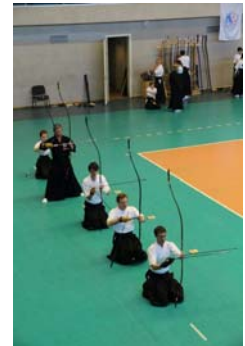


Within the program of the event was conducted Qualifactory Seminar, which allowed participants to share experience and get all consultations required and get used to the tournament policy.





The tournament itself gathered participants total of 22. Apart from residents of Saint Petersburg in the tournament participated guests from Cherepovets city (Vologda Region) and Vladikavkaz city (North Ossetia Region). Therefore within the tournament program was held team and individual interregional competitions. Tournament shooting distance – Kinteki (28 meters).



Team competition results:

Balloting, 7 multiregional teams from 3 different club and region were formed. Contestants shot 6 arrows, 3 rounds 2 arrow each. The winner shot ahead from the very beginning while to share silver and bronze medals additional round required.

Winning places distribution in team classification:

Golden medals went to the team:

Naumova Evgeniya (RPO "SPb FTK")
Shumilin Vladislav (Nidan, SPb, RPO "SPb FTK")
Skomorokhov Roman (SPb division of IPO "KF")



Silver medals went to the team:

Leonov Andrey (SPb division of IPO "KF")
Zhukova Diana (Nidan, RPO "SPb FTK")
Nurgaliev Vitaly (Shodan, SPb division of IPO "KF")



Bronze Medals went to the team:

Khusainov Rustam (Shodan, RPO "SPb FTK")
Badulkina Galina (SPb division of IPO "KF")
Korolev Oleg (Cherepovets division of RPO "SPb FTK")



Individual trial results:

As of total 22 contestants participated. Similarly to the team competition contestants shot 6 arrows, 3 rounds 2 arrow each. Winner was decided easily while to distribute second and third place several additional round were added. It was a keen struggle, must be said.

Individual trial winning places distribution:

1st Place:

Moshenkov Eduard (Shodan, RPO "SPb FTK")

2nd Place:

Khusainov Rustam (Shodan, RPO "SPb FTK")

3rd Place:

Shumilin Vladislav (Nidan, RPO "SPb FTK")



Winners of the tournament were awarded with diplomas, medals and cups. We whole-heartedly congratulate winners of the First Kyudo Tournament for Cup of Japan Consul General in Saint Petersburg!!!



I feel like to sincerely thank everyone who have been supporting organization of this important event for Saint-Petersburg. Undoubtedly that the process of development of Kyudo in Saint-Petersburg demonstrate steady, gradual progress and persistence, acquiring certain maturity with each year. This year in July The Second World Kyudo Taikai is taking place in Paris where Saint-Petersburg representatives are going to participate among the Russian delegation. This World Tournament might become a milestone for Kyudo in Russian Federation.

The organizing committee of Kyudo-Festival “White Nights. Kyudo-Style” 2014