

WHITE NIGHTS “KYUDO-STYLE” 2017

At the last weekend, on the 1-2nd of July, 2017 in Saint-Petersburg it was held the Annual Kyudo Festival **White Nights “Kyudo-Style” 2017**. The event was held at the Volleyball Academy named after Platonov, located on Krestovsky Island. This sports ground of the city has already become a traditional venue for the Annual Kyudo Tournament for the Cup of General Consul of Japan in Saint-Petersburg during the White Nights. However, the format of this year's event was somewhat unusual for the citizens of Saint-Petersburg. The guests of the Kyudo Festival and its direct participants had become the group of Senseis from Japan, who was in Saint-Petersburg during this time. The participants of the event had a unique opportunity not only to learn from the famous Kyudo Teachers, but also to compete with them in the art of shooting from Japanese bow in the Friendly Kyudo Tournament.

Consisting of the delegation from Japan were Senseis:

Hasegawa Kinichi, Hanshi, 8 dan

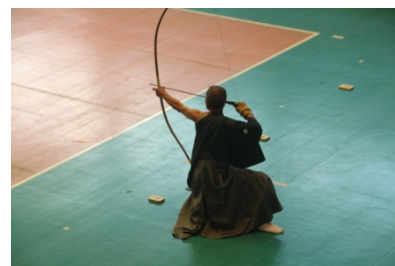
Sugiyama Etsuji, Kyoshi, 7 dan

Sato Masako, Kyoshi, 6 dan

Ino Kiyoshi, 5 dan



Senseis led a one-day seminar and demonstrations of the archery ceremonies, most of which were demonstrated in Saint-Petersburg for the first time.



Also at the Opening Ceremony of the event in the demonstration performances took part representatives of the Club of Martial Arts “Seidokan” headed by S. Kulakov.



During two days the event was attended by about 25 people practicing Kyudo in Saint-Petersburg, Moscow, Cherepovets.



The tournament was held in team and individual classification at the traditional Kyudo distance Kinteki (28 metres).



According to the results of the Tournament, the winning teams and participants who won prizes in the individual championship were awarded medals, diplomas, cups from the RPO "St. Petersburg Federation of Traditional Kyudo".



1-st Place

Alekseeva Anna
Sato Masako / Ino Kiyoshi
Nurgaliev Vitaliy



2-nd Place

Tishina Lilia
Piskaryova Angela
Bolle Vladimir



3-d Place

Antyfeeva Anastasia
Sugiyama Etsuji
Raudiyanen Gregori

The Cup of General Consul of Japan in Saint-Petersburg was awarded to the participant of the Tournament, who scored the highest number of points in the individual competition, **Anna Alekseeva** (Russia, Moscow). For the second and the third places in the individual competition fought Mr. **Sugiyama Etsuji** (Japan) and **Vladimir Bolle** (Russia, Moscow). Based on the results of the reshooting, the experience won: 2nd place - Mr. Sugiyama Etsuji (Japan), 3rd place - Vladimir Bolle (Russia, Moscow).



The Cup was handed to the Tournament Winner by the Deputy of General Consul of Japan in Saint-Petersburg, Mr. Hideto Watanabe, who greeted the participants of the event with charging words and wished the Russian kyudojins success in the future Tournaments.



The organizers of the event express their gratitude to Senseis, guests and participants, as well as to all those who prepared and organized the **Kyudo Festival "White Nights. Kyudo-Style " 2017** and hope that the tradition of the Annual Friendly Kyudo-Tournaments in St. Petersburg will continue to develop in the future.

Organizer of the event: Regional Public Organization "Saint-Petersburg Federation of Traditional Kyudo"
Co-organizer: General Consulate of Japan in Saint-Petersburg
The general leadership of organization: Saint-Petersburg Branch of "Russian Union of Martial Arts".