

Professor Murata of Sophia University and Mr. Kawamura, Noh master, gave lectures in Ukraine

Professor Shin'ichi Murata, the Institute Fellow of European Institute Sophia University Tokyo, gave lectures on Japanese Noh culture in Ukraine with Mr. Haruhisa Kawamura, a Noh master of Kyoto's Kawamura Noh Theatre. After the lecture, Mr. Kawamura performed Noh as a demonstration and lectured a part of Noh performance with some of the audiences. These events were held on February 15th, 16th, and 19th at universities and theatres in Kiev and Poltava.

They also visited the painting exhibition in Tavrida National V.I. Vernadsky University in Kiev. The artworks were produced by the children in Japan and Ukraine, inspired by Velimir Khlebnikov, a poet of Futurism. This exhibition has also been held in Sophia University since 2012.

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Haruhisa Kawamura, a Noh master of Kyoto's Kawamura Noh Theatre, has performed Noh and lectured at numbers of universities, not only in Japan, but also overseas, such as Washington D.C. and Paris. His performances abroad in English exceed 40 times.



Prof. Murata and Mr. Kawamura
(Tavrida National V.I. Vernadsky University)



Performing Noh
(Kyiv National I. K. Karpenko-Kary Theatre,
Cinema and Television University)



Performing Noh with translation of
Prof. Murata
(Ivan Franko National Academic Drama Theatre)



Performance in front of Noh text
(Ivan Franko National Academic Drama Theatre)



With famous actors of Ukraine
(Ivan Franko National Academic Drama Theatre)



Introducing Japanese traditional costume
(Poltava regional Academic Ukrainian Gogol Theatre of musical drama)



Students listening eagerly
(Poltava V.G. Korolenko National Pedagogical University)