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## **Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk continues his visit to metropolia of Priamurye**

On 25 September 2015, a conference on Moral and Ethic Values as Means of Education in Interethnic Educational Environment (On Continuity of Traditions Established by Holy Prince Vladimir) took place at the House of Official Receptions of the Government of the Khabarovsk Krai. Among those who took part in the conference, organized by the Khabarovsk diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church and the Government of the Khabarovsk Krai, were clergymen, civil servants, representatives of local government and educational institutions, as well as Russian and Chinese students.

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, conveyed to all those present greetings from His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia and delivered an opening address.

Discussed during the conference were such issues as neighbourly relations in cross-cultural communication, traditional values, cooperation between the authorities of the Khabarovsk Krai and civil society institutions, as well as prospects of cooperation between the Russian Orthodox Church and the

People's Republic of China in various spheres, for instance, within the framework of the Association of Rectors of Universities of Russia's Far East and Siberia and China's Northeastern Regions. To conclude the conference, the participants in the forum adopted a resolution emphasizing the importance of establishing good interethnic relations, which is only possible through the combined efforts of the state, the society and the Church.

Later that day Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk met with the Board of Rectors of the Khabarovsk Krai Universities. The participants in the meeting, which took place at the Pacific National University, discussed the issues of promoting theological education, as well as spiritual and moral upbringing.

After that the DECR chairman met with Mr. Alexander Sokolov, Mayor of Khabarovsk.

That same day Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk and Metropolitan Ignaty of Khabarovsk and Priamurye visited a local art gallery named after a 20<sup>th</sup> century painter, Alexei Fedotov, where they opened an exhibition "Creativity and Orthodoxy," dedicated to the millennium of the blessed demise of the Holy Grand Prince Vladimir, Equal-to-the-Apostles.

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