



## Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk takes part in a meeting with head of the Muslim Board of Tatarstan



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On November 25, Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, met with Metropolitan Kirill of Kazan and Tatarstan and the head of the Muslim Board of the Republic of Tatarstan Kamil-khazrat Samigullin, at the Muslim Board of the Republic of Tatarstan (MBT) building in the city of Kazan.

Among the participants of the meeting were also Archimandrite Philaret (Bulekov), DECR vice-chairman; Rev. Alexander Ershov, assistant to the DECR chairman; and Hieromonk Kirill (Korytko), secretary of the Metropolis of Tatarstan.

The meeting took place following a session on 'Religious cooperation between countries as one of the foundations of peace and development' of Valdai Club's conference on Religious Polyphony and

National Unity, at which Metropolitan Anthony was a speaker.

Kamil-khazrat related to the guests the history of the buildings belonging to the Muslim Board of Tatarstan and spoke about the educational and informational work of representatives of the Muslim community of the region. The mufti noted that the MBT and the Diocese of Kazan maintain fruitful cooperation in social service and pointed to the positive experience of joint actions with representatives of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate. He also said that the DECR secretary for interreligious relations and executive secretary of the Interreligious Council in Russia, Rev. Dimitry Safonov, rendered assistance to MBT representatives in solving various problems.

The meeting discussed the further development of cooperation.

In conclusion of the meeting, the DECR chairman and the head of the Metropolis of Tatarstan were shown the book fare arranged in the MBT building, the press service of the Diocese of Kazan reports.

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