



Chairman of the Department of External Church Relations arrives in Japan.



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On 19th October 2023, with the blessing of His Holiness the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia Kirill, the Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk arrived in Japan to participate in the festivities on the occasion of the enthronement of the Archbishop of Tokyo and Metropolitan of All Japan Seraphim. On 28th September there was held in Tokyo an Extraordinary Council of the Japanese Autonomous Orthodox Church, which elected its new Primate.

Metropolitan Anthony was greeted at the airport by the dean of the metochion (representation church) of the Russian Orthodox Church in Japan archpriest Nikolai Katsyuban and Father Dimitry Tanaka.

On the same day there was a meeting between the chairman of the DECR and the temporary representative of Russia in Japan Gennady Ovechko.

Metropolitan Anthony is accompanied on his trip by aide to the chairman of the DECR Father Alexander

Yershov and the cleric of the Church of Saint John the Baptist in Presna deacon Yevgeny Kuznetsov.

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