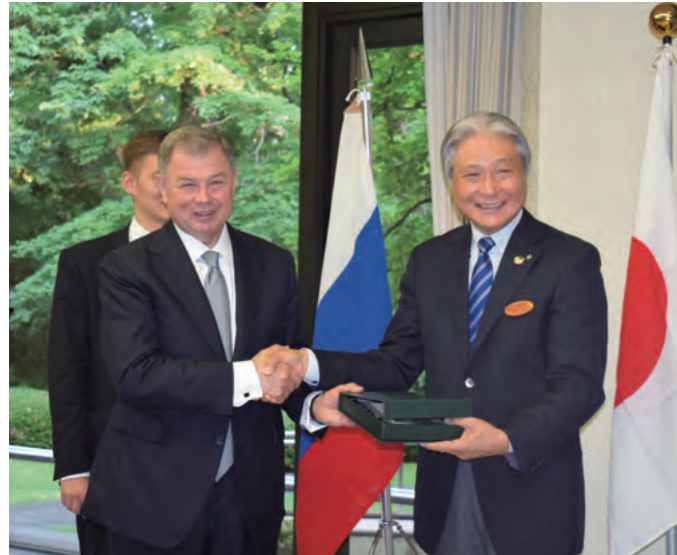


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Anatoly Artamonov, the Governor of Kaluga Region, visited Tochigi Prefecture, meeting with Governor Tomikazu Fukuda and visiting a local enterprise. Governor Fukuda plans to visit Kaluga Region soon. (June 2018) Photo (left): ©Shimotsuke Shimbun



Alina Zagitova received an Akita dog in Moscow, while Prime Minister Abe visited the city to see President Putin. (May 2018)



A number of Japanese football fans showed up to the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia. They cleaned up stadiums after each of their matches. (June – July 2018)

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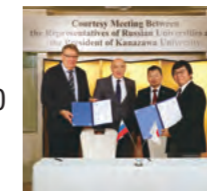
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