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## **250 students from UIBE attend the opening ceremony of the “Year of the Russian Language”**

250 students from the University of International Business and Economics' (UIBE) School of Foreign Studies were invited to attend a spectacular theatrical performances given at the Great Hall of the People. UIBE's participation was organized by the International Cooperation and Exchange Office, the School of Foreign Studies, and the Youth League Committee. The event was organized by the Ministry of Education, and the Beijing Education Commission. Liu Jinlan, Secretary of School of Foreign Studies, and Xia Haiquan, Deputy-Director of International Cooperation and Exchange Office led the UIBE team.

Attending the ceremony were: State Councilor Liu Yandong, Zhou Ji, head of Ministry of Education, Mr. Zhukov, Vice Premier of Russia, as well as over 6000 guests from home and abroad, which included delegations of Russian students, as well as student delegations from various schools in Beijing, and delegations from the Russian Embassy in China as well as from embassies and consulates of various other nations.

The brightly-lit Great Hall of the People, decorated with flowers, was buzzing with happiness, enthusiasm and youthful energy. The congratulatory letters from Premier Wen Jiabao, and President Vladimir Putin announced during the ceremony reminded the attendees of the long and splendid

cultural history existing between the two countries, of the importance of maintaining the relationship as good neighbors, and working on keeping a continued positive and harmonious atmosphere.

The theatrical performance following the opening ceremony added to the happy and multi-cultural atmosphere. The songs and dances such as "*Oh, Wlanca, Wlanca,*" and "*The Ballad of a Soldier*" given by the vigorous Russian university introduced the audience to the unique ethnic lifestyle and the rich cultural folklore of the Russian people. The Chinese students played the classical and elegant instrumental music "*Blue and White Porcelain,*" expressing the charming beauty of establishing a harmonious life by combining the Eastern and Western art. The dance named "*The Sunshine*" and, "*Dream in the Blue Sky*" expressed the optimism and energetic spirit of the modern university students. The performances provided the students with a deep understanding of the national spirit and human emotions embedded in the language culture.

By the end of the performance, the students commented that such activities can help cultivate the spirit of respect for other cultures and nations. At the same time, the performances raised their level of appreciation for culture and arts. They said that this performance has answered multiple purposes and they hoped they could take part in similar activities in future.

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