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Sophie no Kai' Meeting Report(2016)

On August 18th(Sun) 'Sophie no Kai' was held in the assembly room of Sophia Community (Sankocho), welcoming the presence of Srs. Mieko Shinjo, Junko Tajima and Masako Suita, and also Sr. Beth Sulleza(PTV from Philippine District) who is now having her international experience in Japan. We also were happy to have our candidates Yuriko Tezuka and Chihirio Yamamoto, and with the members of 'Sophie no Kai'(Adachi, Izawa, Uno, Ohara, Onishi, Shell, Oyama, Sasaki, Takahashi, Tanase, Hatanaka, Itsuko Watanabe, Mariko Watanabe), we were 19 in all.

The theme of this year was "Having received the report of General Chapter, think together the future of our province." The beautiful visual opening prayer prepared by Beth and the opening talk from Sr. Shinjo both led us to an image of the 「道」 (Way) and helped us to open our hearts to this theme. After a short sharing from each, we participated in the Report of the General Chapter opened in Sankocho Campus. In the afternoon we had more time to ask questions and give comments to the 3 who had attended the Chapter, which gave us an opportunity to deepen more our understanding of the Chapter. After this session, we took time to bring up the issues we foresee in the future of the province, and discussed how we would like to live concretely our Cor Unum, and reflect more on the possibility of apostolates appropriate to the needs of today, etc. Having continued this meeting for over nearly 15 years has surely deepened our relationships, and it was a joy to feel the atmosphere of openness to listen and discuss among ourselves freely. And it was a time of confirming our desires to be one in Cor Unum and move on together. At the end, Beth made a wonderful sharing on her campus ministry, and an area where we are feeling more need in our apostolate.

After the meeting, we moved to Latere Community and had supper in gratitude for the whole day. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Sisters of Sankocho Campus who kindly let us use the room and also supplied us with refreshments, and also to all the Sisters of the Province for giving us support through your prayers. Thank you very much. (Mariko Adachi · Mami Ohara)

