

"Ukrainian Cuisine Charity Calendar 2025"

Report on the Sell-Out of the Reprinted Copies and Completion of the Donation

Thanks to your support, the reprinted (100 copies) charity calendars from this fall have sold out, and we were able to make an additional donation to the Ukrainian local charity "City of Goodness," just like we did in the summer. Unfortunately, we couldn't meet the initial Christmas deadline, and it took until the very end of the year, but I am relieved to report that the total sales from both the first edition and the reprint—500 copies—have been successfully delivered.

I sincerely thank everyone for their cooperation.

Below is the breakdown of the donation from the reprint:

- Calendar price: $¥3,000 \times 100 \text{ copies} = ¥300,000$
- Printing costs: $¥48,665 \rightarrow$ rounded down to $¥48,000$
- $¥300,000 - ¥48,000 = ¥252,000$

Taking the exchange rate at the time into account, I requested a transfer of 1,550 USD, and my account was debited a total of ¥253,888. After deducting the fees of the intermediary bank in the U.S., the final amount that reached the charity was 1,538 USD. With this, the full amount (excluding printing costs) was donated as originally planned.

Previously, I was able to make the donation through the Ukrainian Embassy in Japan, which was very smooth, but due to various circumstances, I had to handle this transfer personally this time. There were some unforeseen challenges, such as the review process for international transfers and the inability to send money directly to Ukrainian banks from Japan (requiring a U.S. intermediary bank), which caused some delays. I apologize for the inconvenience.

I received a Christmas email from the ambassador of "City of Goodness," which was a message to all those who purchased the calendar. Please have a look.

Thank you again.

May your kindness contribute to peace in Ukraine.

Wishing you a Happy New Year!