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always be reminded of that part of the culture.

Overall our experience at Rikio-san's house was memorable, we really enjoy staying here and we will bring home with us great memories from Sapporo!

From Portugal to Sapporo

On OCT, 24, 2018 I received the first email from Portuguese Ms. Meia Dufour through Airbnb which surprised me a little bit, delighted me so much, because Portuguese guests are rare in my accommodations, so she

can play a considerable role of ELA (Earth-Loving Associate) in Portugal. She agreed to be a Representative of Portuguese ELAs. Here is u read her Article:



Ms. Meia Dufour

My friend and I have been enjoying Sapporo a lot for the past two months. Rikio-san was very thoughtful and even taught us how to play to his own Go game. Staying for two months gave us plenty of time to discover the amazing city that is Sapporo, and everything it has to offer.

First of all, we really enjoyed being in contact with the local people who were always kind to us, and at times even curious to know where we were from. They seemed to appreciate our interest in the Japanese culture!

Even though, at first, Sapporo doesn't look like the most beautiful city, it is very warm and welcoming once you get to know it. And, the fact that it is surrounded by mountains and nature, such as Moiwa Mountain, really gives Sapporo a lot of charm. And you get the same feeling anywhere you go in Hokkaido, in our case, when we visited Otaru during the Snow Festival, and Biei to enjoy its never ending hills of snow. Seeing snow was very magical as it is not something we can experience in Portugal!

One of the thing we really got to enjoy in Sapporo was the local food: curry soup, ramen, seafood and sushi, etc. Everything is so fresh and most ingredients were grown in Hokkaido. We will sure miss it when we will leave! Luckily we took some curry soup and Udon cooking classes so we can

From FOCEF to ELFO

My Dear ELA and EHSA,

From Rikio Kaneko

Some of you might notice that I began to use a word ELFO (Earth-Loving Friendly Organization) instead of a wording FOCEF (Friendly Organization for Community of Earth-Loving Federation). I talked with some World federalists on the future FOCEF.

It turned out that a naming, for example, ELFO seems to be better than the FOCEF because if we use wording 'Federation', existing World federalists may be embarrassed, and the less of them would cooperate with us.

Why would they be perplexed at Earth-Loving Federation? Because, I suppose, they want



to concentrate on transformation of the United Nations. For example, democratisation of the UN General Assembly (GA) where not only States,

but also other national deputies might have a vote. That's a very good idea, so almost all our ELAs would agree to it. But it is not in our immediate circle.



On the other hand, the ELFO (Earth-Loving Friendly Organization) is more democratic and it is a kind of bottom up, among others, by our ELAs (Earth-Loving Associates).

In order to get cooperation with federalists, however, I think that deletion of word 'federation' from our draft Charter would be better, then relations between ELAs and World federalists will not be concurrent, would be more friendly.

So that tentatively permit me rename the FOCEF as ELFO (Earth-Loving Friendly Organization), continuing to present you a draft Charter of the ELFO.

Have happy days!!