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## **First Orthodox cemetery opens in Japan: Wooden church from Romania to serve as chapel**



At the end of January, the St George Romanian parish in Tokyo opened the first Orthodox cemetery in Japan, located in Yamanashi. The parish priest expressed his intent to transport a wooden church from Romania to serve as the cemetery's chapel.

At the conclusion of January, a 1,200-square-meter site was leased for the interment of individuals practising the Orthodox faith in Japan.

The Romanian community arranged the concession procedure in Tokyo under the guidance of parish priest Daniel Corîu, with the help of the Association of Burial Supporters in Japan and two Buddhist monks.

The parish announced the availability of permanent burial sites, which interested parties could purchase for 250,000 yen.

"Cremation, as we know, is not in accordance with Christian ordinances, and any encouragement of this practice for reasons of convenience or of any other kind contradicts the teaching of the Orthodox faith about death, the body and eternal life," representatives of Tokyo's Romanian parish noted.

Contributions may be utilised in the effort of transporting the place of worship from Romania.

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