

## Video translation: Gymnast Maria Titova Visited Hometown (after Universiade 2015)

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Gymnast Maria Titova has brought silver and bronze medals of the XXVIII Summer Universiade to Zarechny. At the train station she was welcomed by her family members, friends, her first coach and the girls from Zarechny Gymnastics Center. The same morning she attended the press conference. The representatives of the local administration congratulated the gymnast and gave her presents. Maria was asked many questions about the competitions, the preparations and the performance. In Gwangju Masha had to compete not only with the rival from all over the world but also with the high humidity of South Korean climate.

Maria: The leotards were wet. I haven't put them on yet but they were already wet. It wasn't pleasant at all. Then the apparatus – the ball was about to slip from the hand all the time. The hands were always wet because of high humidity.

The ribbons needed to be ironed every 10 minutes. The cloth got wet almost at once and became very heavy. According to Maria the hoop was the easiest to handle. In this apparatus our gymnast has got the silver medal. The ball has brought our girl the bronze medal. Her parents, friends and of course her first coach supported Maria in her native town.

Svetlana Fomina (first coach, note by Zoe Wan: Masha's first coach is Maria Barkarova, information from Masha ): I think I am more nervous than my gymnast; I always jump behind the carpet. Once someone told me – I have no idea how your gymnast performed but you did really well.

Sportsmen are superstitious people. Everyone has his own habits and traditions which help to attract luck. The Titova family have their own traditions no phone calls or messages during the competition. The parents get some news about Masha's performance as everyone else from Mass Media.

Olga Titova (Maria's mom): We wish her luck one day before the competition and that's it. Then we don't disturb her, neither during the competition period nor one-two days afterwards.

Support of the family, her team mates and coaches helped Maria Titova to surpass dozens of other gymnasts and to get on the podium of the Summer Universiade twice. Most of her rivals Maria knew before the competition.

Maria Titova: I knew my main rival long before, because they have authority, they are already World Champions – Rizatdinova and Staniouta. And Son Yeon-Jae is from Korea so it was obvious who was going to win.

The Summer Universiade in Korea was Masha's fifth big competition event this year. She spent only two days in her native town. On July 20<sup>th</sup> she went to the training camp in Croatia. Her schedule is set for few months ahead.