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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AS A SEPARATE STRATUM OF SOCIETY

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Studying abroad is becoming more popular. Sometimes students have to go to another state to get higher education. Therefore, large groups of foreigners enter higher educational institutions of Ukraine.

This is a challenge for international students and Ukrainian residents, but effective cooperation can also enrich both sides, and the country as well.

The survey conducted by us at Sumy State University revealed that not all international students came here to gain knowledge, some arrived to receive a diploma. But in any case they are usually teenagers and require special attention in terms of adaptation to the living conditions, food, climate and academic process as well. To make this adaptation easier they are motivated and encouraged to take an active part in the life of the university and create a new world.

An international student is a person of another nationality who has distinct differences in language, culture, habits, etc. But how do the residents and students of Ukraine react to their coming to Ukraine? We can not deny that opinions of the majority diverge. But we are convinced that the presence of permanent foreign representatives in our universities and the country gives us many new opportunities.

First of all, it raises the authority and rating of the prestige of our universities. If they continue coming, this means the quality of education satisfies them. If not, universities need to reconsider and improve it.

Secondly, foreigners are of tremendous value to us as native speakers of foreign languages. In this environment of live communication and cooperation of different peoples we can learn new things and find out a lot about the life and problems of other countries and the continents.

Thirdly, the dwelling of foreigners in Ukraine raises the economy of the state. They pay living expenses, buy food, clothes. Most international students in Sumy are from hot countries but live here in cold seasons, so, as soon as they arrive they totally renew their clothes spending money in Ukrainian shops. Entertainment, logistics, banking are also the sectors that benefit from the arriving of international students.

But the most important thing is positive impact on people. As we know, international students are people of other worlds. That means that they are not like Ukrainians and that's great! Indeed, the diversity of cultures and interesting people enriches the culture of the peoples, changing patterns, habits, brings new traditions. Besides, among them there are many such students who can teach us something valuable and share their secrets of successful life.

In addition it should be noted that the presence of international students in Ukraine in some way brightens our at first glance not noticeable problems. The most outstanding among them nowadays is the lack of foreign language skills among workers of various institutions. But at the same time there is a problem from foreigners side, because they also can not communicate with us in our native language. In order to eliminate these confusion in our university, many different groups have been created to study both the Ukrainian language and foreign languages, mainly English. Interestingly, due to such cooperation we managed to achieve great results.

But, as we know, in the world not all people enjoy changes and penetration of foreign visitors into their peaceful lives. While conducting a survey among international students from Sumy State University on the attitude of Ukrainians towards them, 5% of international students still replied that they wanted racism in Ukraine to be less. Why don't we notice these important issues? Probably because such cases occur very rarely, but they need to be eradicated. And the issue of religion is also a constant problem. These are some of the main problems that international students encounter while staying in our country.

Nothing ever stays unaltered. People are changing, and so do students. As a result of cooperation of different people we get good ideas, new knowledge, emotions, inventions. Eventually we get great people. It's not a rare case when our Ukrainian students set up business taking their foreign friends as partners. After all, they have different tastes, different views on life, customs, traditions, which only make their cooperation more productive.

So, in conclusion we can say that inspite of all the mentioned difficulties caused by adaptation and intercultural penetration, international students is a separate pillar of the society which is a pearl for any country.

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