

ВЫСШЕЕ ОБРАЗОВАНИЕ В РЕСПУБЛИКЕ БЕЛАРУСЬ

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The sovereignty got by Belarus in 1990, initiated the reforms in social and economic structure of the society, turning to the market economy, changes in the political orientation. These reforms have substantially influenced the development of the system of higher education.

New conditions have claimed for the development of other educational models, revision of the structure of higher education and harmonization of the maintenance of higher education according to the idea of national revival. The way of gradual, consecutive reforms, on the basis of already existing system has been selected. All this has led to qualitative and quantitative changes in the system of higher education in Belarus.

Higher education must provide the fullest development of abilities and a mental potential of the person, an opportunity of its active, free and constructive participation in the development of the society with the purpose to satisfy the needs of the society and the state in qualified professionals. The right to get a higher education is given to the people who got specialized or compulsory secondary education.

In Belarus there are 55 state and private higher educational institutions which prepare students of more than 320 specialities. There are 340 students per 10 thousand inhabitants. The country is at the same level as other European states.

In the system of higher education of Belarus there is a wide network of educational institutions which can be divided into four types: Classical University; Profile university or academy; Institute; Higher college.

Alongside with a two-level system of education there is a 5-year education. Successful graduates get diplomas of higher education. However to become a happy student of a high school it is necessary to have complete secondary education. A demand for higher education has led to high competitions to enter a university and to become a full-time,

evening or correspondent student. Thousands of young people who for some reason couldn't enter any of the state educational establishments have got an opportunity to get a higher education not free of charge, it is rather expensive.

The special form of getting a higher education is externship. Externship is based on independent studying of subjects without attending classes but passing preliminary and terminal exams. People who don't have opportunities to study full-time but have complete secondary education can get a higher education through externship. The graduates of external courses receive diplomas.

However a higher education in Belarus is not only lectures, seminars and examinations. Belarussian students participate in the international scientific conferences and competitions, students' exchange programmes. But the organization of educational process is not the only task of a high school. Much attention is also given to living conditions of students, many of which (nonresident) are provided with places in hostels.

The administration of high schools pays a lot of attention to students' leisure. They have every opportunity to develop their talents and gifts. After graduating from higher educational establishments graduates are provided with workplaces according to qualifications they got not only in our republic but also abroad, because Belarus has a bilateral agreement on the recognition of our diplomas with many different countries of the world.

A low cost of educational and scientific literature, habitation, transport, high quality of education, a stable political situation, low crime rate make education in Belarus attractive not only to the people of Belarus. Foreigners can learn the Belarussian language at the preparatory courses. There is an opportunity to get a cheap room in a hostel.

After graduating from high school, young specialists can continue their education at the postgraduate courses or doctorate. On this level they get a scientific degree of the candidate of sciences and a scientific degree of the doctor of sciences.

All higher schools in Belarus are controlled by the state and are uniformly administrated by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus.

The educational establishment «Polesky State University» was founded on April, 5th, 2006 by the Decree of the President of Belarus A.G.Lukashenko. The National Bank of Belarus is the republican authority of the university.

The University has four departments: Banking and Economic departments of accounting, management, banking, accounting and statistics, the department of Physical Education and the department of Biotechnology.

The university occupies two buildings which have up-to-date equipment. The conditions for study are superb. Numerous tutorial rooms, lecture halls, a big library, several computer centres, a new modern stadium, the ice palace are at students' disposal. The university administration, the department of educational work, the trade union, the student body of the university, the BRSM committee, the student union, student and sports clubs and other bodies manage the process of education. At the university there are nine amateur talent groups including two national ones and 12 sports sections.

The international activity of the university is presented by its participation in 3 international educational, cultural, scientific programs and projects. There is a constant exchange with foreign establishments of higher education, their students and teachers. Social conditions at university meet modern requirements. There are 4 hostels which are equipped with TV sets, fridges, computers and etc. The university has 2 canteens, 4 buffets holding 230 people.

The aim of the university is to prepare highly skilled specialists demanded for internal and international labour markets who are professional and cultural people.

Speaking about the future of our university, we hope that it will dominate in Belarussian education like Oxford and Cambridge in Great Britain. The students of «Polesky State University» will make up one of the most elite elites in the world.