## UNITED WITH FRIENDSHIP AND SCIENCE



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The article is devoted to 55-year anniversary of Peoples Friendship University of Russia, its history and achievements. Founded as a University which plays a unique role in uniting people from different countries, Peoples Friendship University of Russia created great opportunities for international community for educating students of different cultures. Sharing personal experience the author shows how University succeeded in fulfilling its goals providing excellent education possibilities within the international friendship atmosphere.

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he role of education was extremely important in all times but nowadays rapidly changing globalized world gives us new challenges for education. New technologies made us think and change all levels of education and create new ways for education from kindergarten level to school and university. In all countries people try to take the best experience from education systems of eastern and western countries. It is very important that when educational institutions offer new concept they start with competences and skills which they will educate in their children, students. It all depends on what our generation will need for their future and what the future will require from new generation. Now we can just go and ask employers what they want, but we can only predict what would be needed in future.

When we talk to employers of international companies, they say that they value most such competences as positive and critical thinking, openness, creativity and then education. Michigan State University worked with a number of employees to identify 12 essential competences needed for success, and among them are the following: working in a diverse environment, managing time and priorities, acquiring new knowledge, thinking critically, communicating effectively, and contributing to a team. These 12 essentials are best developed both inside and outside the classroom.¹ Society has grown to appreciate differences in ethnicity, socio-economic status, religious affiliation, work capacity, and many other characteristics that define our individual identities. Each person represents a complex

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<sup>1</sup>Bishop K.The 12 Essentials for Success, Competencies Employers Seek in College Graduates. Competencies Employers Seek in College Graduates. Michigan State University//https://careernetwork.msu.edu/\_files/PDF/12\_Essentials\_for\_Success.pdf (12.12.2014)

fusion of these dimensions, and no one has the same composition. Also it is very important to have communication skills and friendly relation to people around you. How to take and value the best experience of the people of other cultures, how to use this experience and keep it during the whole life – these are very important competences which should be taught by educational institutions.

Many foreign universities develop international programs and have big number of international students but hardly some of them follow the goal to teach international competence.

I can give one very bright example connected with my Alma Mater, Peoples Friendship University of Russia in Moscow.

Peoples Friendship University of Russia (hereinafter PFUR) was founded on 5 February, 1960 by the USSR Government. On 22 February, 1961, the University was named after Patrice Lumumba — one of the symbols of the African peoples' struggle for independence. It was the only university in the world which united students from 140 countries every year. More than 77 thousand graduates work in 170 countries, among them more than 5500 are holders of PhD and Doctorate degrees. Today Peoples Friendship University of Russia is one of the leading state higher educational institutions in Russia. The University has a complex structure of faculties and majors, typical for classical universities in the world. They represent more than 450 nations and nationalities of the world. The University is a renowned research center. It is a team of 4500 employees, among them 2826 are highly qualified teachers. The University intellectual fund comprises more than 870 author's invention certificates and 150 patents of the Russian Federation in practically all fields of University scientific research.

The mission of the University is to bring together knowledge of people of different nationalities, races and religions; to teach young people to work successfully in any country in the world and to show their creativity in connection with civilizations and diversity of contemporary society, to prepare demanded specialists in various spheres of human activity; to form a person as a patriot of his/her country and friends of Russian Federation, to attach students to achievements of world culture, supporting the ideals of humanism, democracy and friendship among peoples.

Many foreign and Russian political and public figures and outstanding scholars and scientists became PFUR Emeritus Professors. Among them are presidents of Namibia, Angola, Sri Lanka and South African Republic, Gabon and Nigeria; prime-ministers of Bangladesh, Kazakhstan; UN



Photo of the main entrance of Peoples Friendship University of Russia

Chief Executive Officer on Education, Culture and Science; Director of CEPES. Many famous politicians and famous researchers graduated PFUR and among them are the current Kazakhstan Prime-Minister Mr. Karim Masimov<sup>3</sup> who graduated Peoples Friendship University of Russian in 1988, majoring in "Law".

Bharrat Jagdeo President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana (1999-2011)., Remchukov Konstantin Vadimovich Owner, CEO and editor in chief of «Nezavisimaya gazeta», Hakamada Irina Mucunovna Deputy Chairman of the State Duma of the Russian Federation (2000-2003), Shayakhmetova Umut Bolathanovna Chairman of the Board Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan.<sup>4</sup>

After 50 years, the University is now worldwide known as a major academic and research center, which for years has been among top-five Russian universities.

The most valuable thing of this University is the fact that there is a community of students from different countries and various cultures, and they learn and experience their ability to work in a diverse environment, which is highly appreciated by employers from international companies. University created different traditions. There is a story on PFUR web site:

"Once a very important committee visited an old English university and couldn't find Rector in his office. To their great surprise, Rector was reading Shakespeare on one of the benches of the University Park.

– And who governs the university then? – the committee members asked in surprise.

- University is governed by its traditions".5

First of all students from Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe, Central Asia, Caucasus states come in summer and start to live on PFUR campus together. Everything becomes different, difficult and interesting but a little bit alien and strange. Administration tries to find opportunities to involve students in their daily lives, in their classes with a special methodology, to accommodate students in dormitories together. Frankly speaking, during the first semester it is not so easy to get used to such a colorful and different atmosphere and in such case another tradition helps.

From the first days of stay at the Russian People's Friendship University student is surrounded by care administration and his/her fellow-graduate students who help him/her to join the university family. Almost all students are involved in the national associations (fraternities), which helps them in their studies, and also it helps them to solve their everyday problems,



Diploma Graduation Faizova R.S with PFUR Vice-Rector on Science Prof.Kirabayev N.S.

organize national and international exhibitions, holidays and festivals, celebrate their national festive days. Every day students can find various announcements about weekly meetings of national associations of different countries. In evenings students spend their time by preparing homework, and people can hear songs or see dances performed by students after meetings of national associations. Dances are accompanied with music of such states as Venezuela of Genie Bissau, Afghanistan or Palestine, Armenia or Georgia, Chechnya or Azerbaijan, Egypt or China, Vietnam or Cuba, Lebanon or Peru or India and many others.

After some months passed students get acquainted with the cuisine of other cultures, and though first it feels for them a little strange but after some time you start to love it and you feel like you are part of it.

However, the most important thing is special standards of teaching. From the very beginning till the end of the study period Faculty promotes values of all cultures, professors teach students and they share the experience of past students from different countries, then the current students share experience of their own countries. Everything is monitored by the professor who perfectly creates a warm atmosphere. Also there is one very important thing which professors do: they show their high respect to the students, they treat students from all cultures and religion with such respect that students feel themselves confident and secure. Professors of this University, after teaching so many years, really know that all people in the world are the same; they are all unique and have their own values. These Professors teach how to be respectful, tolerant



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<sup>5</sup>PFUR website http://www.rudn.ru/?pagec=386

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Data from University website http://www.rudn.ru

³ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9C%D0%B0%D1%81%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%BE%D0%B2,\_%D0%9A%D0%B0%D1%80%D0%B8%D0%BC\_%D0%9A%D0%B0%D0%B6%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%BA%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B8%D1%87 
4http://www.people.su/124123



KAZGUU UNIVERSITY Criminal law department professors with the guest professor from Peoples Friendship University of Russia Bukalerova L. A., 08.11.2014

to different cultures. Nowadays it is very important to able to teach such things. In the educational process professors teach skills and competences of effective communication in multinational atmosphere and after leaving the classroom students practice it in reality. Most of the students majoring in medicine, economics, philology or geology, international relations or history, sociology study two or more foreign languages and fortunately from the first day they can practice these languages with their friends. It is very easy to find a friend from native speakers and practice English, Spanish, Arabic, Persian, Chinese, French, Italian, and German.

There is one more interesting tradition of the University. This tradition is to celebrate the 1st of May on the front square of the University. Students from all the countries and cultures organize a big event with exhibitions of their culture, dances and music. When you pass by the square, it feels like you make a trip over the whole world. After such events people cannot live without love and passion to all these cultures.

There was a group at the Department of theory and history of International Relations, which consisted of about 25 students from many Russian regions, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Germany, Nigeria, China, Venezuela, Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. They became real friends as their University united them and taught them how to respect each other. During their classes they studied, discussed and argued on different political topics and disputes, like Caspian Sea, Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, interreligious communication and different wars, but they all had the same opinion that in the frame of dialogue, respect and will everything can be solved. This was the group where the author studied. After such experience now we understand that it is very important to learn how to develop respect and friendliness towards people in you in order to succeed in life and to make the world better. It is indeed possible to study, work, respect and find solutions between Armenians and Azerbaijani, Muslim nations and Jewish and other nations who just seem to have contradictions. At least, we experienced this and we were happy.

After leaving from university, many graduates continue to work with departments, faculties and their teachers. They send their children, or even grandchildren, to study at the University, they come themselves to improve their skills. Graduates allocate funds for additional scholarships for students, promote their employment, and help teachers, departments, and faculties. Friendship and life in a multicultural student family help graduates to interact with each other in professional and social activities, in business. That contributes to the Alumni Association and friends of PFUR, funds to support faculty, alumni started monthly meetings at the club of graduates of PFUR. Another tradition is that in frame of the Universities a lot of intercultural families appeared and their children

became happy ones enriched with the atmosphere of friendship and mixed cultural values.

KAZGUU University also developed long-term partnership with Law Faculty of Russian People's Friendship University. In frame of this cooperation professors exchange and publish joint articles in the leading journal in Kazakhstan "Law and State". On November 2014 within the program CDP (Continuing Development Program) Lyudmila Bukalerova, Doctor of Law, Professor, Head of the Department of Criminal Law and Procedure of Russian People's Friendship University came to give guest lectures for the faculty of the Department of Criminal, criminal-executive law and criminology at KAZGUU University.

Everything about life in PFUR which was described above shows us the real instruments and ways of how to educate and solve a lot of problems in nowadays lives in our globalized world which needs to develop a dialogue of civilization for fighting with nationalism, ethnical and religion conflict. Thanks to the main mission which was adopted when the University was established in 1960s, professors of PFUR gave to millions of students the excellent knowledge, but more importantly they taught them with friendship and respect, openness to all the people. Education and friendship can really unite the world – this is what we learned from the Alma Mater – Peoples Friendship University of Russia.

## Р. С. Фаизова: Білім және достық арқылы біріге отырып.

Мақала Ресей Халықтар Достығы Университетінің 55 жылдығына, оның тарихына және жетістіктеріне арналған. Университет әртүрлі елдерден адамдарды біріктіру мақсатында құрылған және РУДН 55 жылда әртүрлі мәдениет студенттерін білім алу мен достасуға тәрбиелеуде халықаралық қауымдастық үшін тамаша мүмкіндіктер жасады. Автор өзінің жеке тәжірибесінде Университет оқытудың жоғары стандартын, соның ішінде халықаралық достастық аясында заңгерлерді дайындауды қамтамасыз ете отырып, өзінің миссиясын орындауда табысқа қалай жеткенін көрсетеді. Әсіресе, автор оқу үдерісінде студенттерге әртүрлі халықтардың мәдениетін құрметтеуді, оған қызығушылықты, сүйіспеншілікті және толеранттылықты сіңіре білген РУДН профессор-оқытушылар құрамына ерекше назар аударады. Мақалада сондай-ақ, KAZGUU University мен РУДН арасындағы ынтымақтастықтың дамуы, оның шеңберінде РУДН басылымдары мен Қазақстандағы басты басылымның бірі «Құқық және мемлекет» журналдарында жарияланымдардың тұрақты алмасуы, екі жақ профессорларының өзара іс-сапары баяндалады.

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## Р. С. Фаизова: Знанием и дружбой объединяясь.

Статья посвящена 55-летию Российского Университета Дружбы Народов, его истории и достижениям. Университет был основан

<sup>6</sup>См.: Ударцев С.Ф. Изменились и дизайн, и содержание. Вышел в свет в новом формате первый номер журнала «Право и государство» // http://www. kazpravda.kz/news/politika/izmenilis-i-dizain-i-soderzhanie (12.12.2014); Фиронова В. Ведущий юридический журнал // http://pravo.zakon.kz/4626544-vedushhijj-juridicheskijj-zhurnal.html. (30.12.2014).

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PFUR Alumni from 146 states

с уникальной целью объединения людей из разных стран, и за 55 лет РУДН создал прекрасные возможности для международного сообщества получения образования и воспитания дружбы между студентами разных культур. На своем личном опыте автор показывает, как Университет преуспел в выполнении своей миссии, обеспечив высокие стандарты обучения, в том числе юристов, в атмосфере международной дружбы. Особое внимание автором уделяется профессорско-преподавательскому составу РУДН, активно прививающему студентам в процессе обучения уважение,

толерантность, интерес и любовь к культурам разных народов и культур. В статье также затрагивается развитие сотрудничества KAZGUU University с Российским Университетом Дружбы Народов, в рамках которого идет постоянный обмен публикациями в изданиях РУДН и ведущем юридическом журнале Казахстана «Право и государство», взаимные визиты гостевых профессоров.

Ключевые слова: Российский Университет Дружбы Народов, KAZGUU University, студенты, образование, международный уровень, сотрудничество, юбилей, компетенции, страны, народы, культуры.



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