



Mayor of Lyon visits the Center

In the beginning of March the French delegation headed by Mayor of Lyon George Kepenekyan paid an official visit to Armenia. The members of this delegation together with Ambassador of France to Armenia Jonathan LACÔTE and representatives of Yerevan Municipality were the guest of the Center. They were hosted by “Rhône-Armenia-Education-Exchange” Association members and the teaching staff of the center.



The students welcomed the guests with a dance and a trumpet brass band played French songs as an accompaniment to that nice performance.

By the end of the visit they were served dinner that was cooked by the students of the Center.

“Days of open doors”

As we consider important to inform the public about the advantages of vocational education, the Center repeated the initiative of the previous year - “Days of open doors”. The pupils from 9 to 12 grades from different Armenian schools participated in that event. They chose one of the laboratories and were involved in an on-the-job training together with the students and teachers of the Center.



During those days the pupils, supported by the teaching staff of the Center, were trying to choose a future profession - tailoring, hairdressing, cooking, dental technology.



Culinary competition

Within the framework of German program “The Vocational Education and Partnership Project” several vocational schools were enrolled in a culinary competition. A few advanced students of the Center were chosen and had been trained to be ready for the competition. The whole team won “Preference of the Jury” nomination; and one of the Center team members, a senior student Levon MARTIROSYAN was offered a job in “Art Lunch” company.



Besides all the participants were surprised to hear that each competing school got a chance to send one of its students to have one-week training at a vocational school in Skierniewice, Poland.

“Natfood” meat processing factory

“NATFOOD” CJSC has been processing meat products since 1998. Its trademarks are “Biella” and “Ferma”. “NATFOOD” is one of the largest manufacturers in meat processing in Armenia. Its equipment corresponds European standards; the factory has introduced German technology. It is worth mentioning that the company applies HACCP food safety management system, i.e. it pays great attention to quality control.



The students from the Cooks Department enjoyed an introductory tour to “NATFOOD” factory, asked questions and got answers from qualified specialists, tasted “NATFOOD” products and expressed their opinion on them. The goal of the visit was to inform the students about meat processing quality standards and hygienic control.



Meeting psychologist

How one can build up healthy relationship with students and colleagues? This topic was the core issue of “Conflicts in process of communication” training that was arranged for the Center’s teaching staff by an invited psychologist. The psychologist Sona GRIGORYAN used discussion, games, testing and other psychological resources, drafted the right communication skills, gave conflict solutions, and explained how to manage the audience.



The conclusion was: trust and respect are half the battle. The communication formula must be as follows: idea-encoding-informing-decoding-understanding. The outcome of the training was the idea that mutual understanding is the best option to build proper relationship.



War dances and their role in soldiers' life.

Armenian Army

On Armenian Army Day the Center celebrated the 26th anniversary of the country military forces and hosted Gagik GINOSYAN, the artistic director of “Karin” folk dance ensemble.



The meeting with GINOSYAN, who was Karabakh War active military volunteer, was important because he shared recollections of the Karabakh War as its eyewitness and transferred his awareness of meaning and significance of war dances. Based on his own experience GINOSYAN addressed the students and asked them to be patriots, be courageous and proud of being Armenian.



Besides the discussion the audience enjoyed dancing Armenian folk dances “Echmiadzin” and “Tsakhazard” with GINOSYAN, as those dances unite people and keep national spirit alive.

Book presenting day

February 19th is the birthday of Armenian outstanding poet Hovhannes Toumanyan. For the latest few years it has become a tradition to present books on this day, so February 19th is known as Book Presenting Day in Armenia. The Student Council of the Center arranged a literary event.



The students read “Anoush” poem by Toumanyan, discussed it, and tried to analyze the main idea and characters of the poem. It was a very amicable discussion about the role of reading and literature in our life. By the end of the discussion the participants presented books to fellow students and the Resource Center. The “Literary Club” decided to continue selecting the finest pieces of literature for future discussions.



“Legal equality of men and women”

The freshmen of Tailor and Dental Technician departments arranged an interesting discussion on legal equality of men and women. The participants investigated the field prior discussion, besides they expressed their personal understanding of the problem.



The discussion was conducted by certain rules, the students were divided into two groups – “pros” and “cons”. The jury was chosen from the teachers. The “pros” team was announced the winner. The major accent was made on students' critical thinking, their proficiency in discussion techniques and communication ethics.



International Women's Day

Flowers, women's portraits, symbols... And all these were depicted on paper... The pictures were created by students and radiated the warmth of their hearts...



Their work was a nice surprise for female teachers and French guests of the Center, visiting Armenia on that day. Congratulations on cute postcards were very touching. The students learned that one can make people happy even with little things.



Happy Women's Day, dear ladies!
Keep on smiling!