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Elements of Armenian Culture

Every Armenian highly appreciates the skills of performing national values.

The students of the Center decided to introduce Armenian national characteristics to the guests from SEPR (vocational education center of Rhône). They tried to demonstrate Armenian cuisine, national costumes, folk musical instruments and dances.



Armenian spirit and sole become more comprehensible to the guests when they tasted "jengyalov hats" (bread stuffed with greens), lavash (Armenian bread), matsoun (Armenian yogurt), tan (matsoun with water). The guests were explained the symbolism of Armenian national dresses. They heard the stories about folk instruments, listened Komitas's songs, danced "Tamzara" (a folk dance). The tailors' department presented a fashion show, where 6-7-year-old girls demonstrated hand-made kids wear.

From Professional Skills to Entrepreneurship

What should a person do to start own business? What should a person do towards entrepreneurship? Mher Hovakimyan was invited to the Center to answer these and many other questions and share his experience in the field of fashion and design.



He started his business career doing at home job. Today he is an owner of a private fashion workshop. He believes, one will succeed if he loves his job, appreciates it. Everything starts from an idea. He encouraged the students to overcome difficulties, trust themselves. These are the key elements to become a demanded specialist in the labour market.



Protect the Earth

Man is a part of the nature. Man is closely tied up with the environment. Thus, Man is bound to support nature in its harmonious existence. To protect the nature means to protect ourselves. It was the main topic of the event dedicated to Mother Earth.



The students of the Center spoke about ecology problems and possible solutions for number of issue.

They touched upon a variety of topics: forest ecosystem, fire prevention, waste management.



The Europe Day in Armenia

Since 1985 the EU countries have celebrated the Europe Day and arrange various events. The EU mission in Armenia initiated an open-air public celebration of the Europe Day in North Avenue on May 25th 2019, where the visitors had an opportunity to stroll from a pavilion to a pavilion and to get information about approximately 70 programs and projects being implemented with EU assistance.



The Center was presented in the pavilion of the Embassy of France in Armenia and performed the visitors the skills of future hairdressers. In fact, it was the continuation of braid art demonstration that took place earlier in the Embassy of Germany in Armenia. The Embassy was the initiator of an information fair attended by the representatives of France, Germany and European Union in Armenia. The pavilions willingly shared information on activities of their entities and educational establishments.

Perspectives of Social Entrepreneurship Education in Armenia

The conference in Yerevan State University was related to the topic of education in the field of social entrepreneurship. It was held for those who either have social entrepreneurship or implement education in this field. It was one more opportunity for the teachers of the Center to expand their knowledge on this subject.



The goal of the conference was to involve all people concerned in a dialogue, discuss all key issues, nowadays challenges, present experience, tools and objectives of the field.

The participants of the conference will exchange their experience with their colleagues and the students of the Center. They will explain what innovation is, how to create business ideas and use them in reality.

A Visit to the Master's House

“Isahakyan in Songs” was a nice celebration on the World Poetry Day, March 21st 2019. It was dedicated to an Armenian poet Avetik Isahakyan. In continuation of that performance the Center gave the participants an opportunity to visit Isahakyan's home town Gyumri and his family house there.



The excursion round Gyumri included visits to the House-Museums of Hovhannes Shiraz (an outstanding Armenian poet) and Mher Mkrtchyan (a famous Armenian actor). That trip was a contact with spiritual culture that changed the level of intelligence and helped to understand the pieces of literature from inside. The students were grateful to the Center for that unforgettable day.



One Unforgettable Day with Kids

Everyone is aware of the importance for the kids to have cloudless and happy childhood. The future tailors and cooks of the Center spent the Children's Day at the Children's railway – an amusement spot for kids in Yerevan. They tried to make the kids who came to the railway feel happy and treated them with self-made biscuits, entertained them with face paintings.



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Utest-Fest

“Utest-Fest” is a national food and customs celebration. During that festival the students of the Center performed dishes that are usually served at “Vardavar” holiday (it's a celebration of water, beauty, love and fertility): gata, baghardge (Armenian sweet bread), grilled apples, katnahunts (Armenian Ester bread), Van halva (flour based sweet). The atmosphere of festival was emphasized by green apples and rose petals decorating the pavilion; by the students who sprayed water over the visitors...



Presentation about Dresses

The first and the second year students from Tailors' department presented a slide-show. They told about fabrics, garment components. The audience was delivered a lot of useful information about tailoring.



Graphical Images

The students from all departments of the Center became the participants of a contest-exhibition titled “Graphical Images”. At the lesson of “Computer Skills” the students were given a task to create pictures with the help of graphical objects. The students were expected to demonstrate their computer skills and imagination and create the following: some landscape, a snowman, a cook, a dental technician's family.



The exhibits were numerated, they were not singed, and the teachers who examined the exhibits could provide fair and unbiased approach.

The authors of the best works were awarded certificates.

When scoring they took into account creativity, coloring and the difficulty of the whole composition.

An Interview

Within the frame of the lesson of “Communication” the students of the Center interviewed their teachers and collage-mates to clarify what the Center means to them. The respondents were sincere and spontaneous. They believed that the Center is a successful mix of French and Armenian peculiarities.



Thanks to the interview everybody understood the importance and the role of the Center.

Besides, the target of the interview was to develop the students' communication skills, teach them how to gather, process, analyze and present information.



The outcome of this work let us come to a conclusion that the Center is a cozy place with atmosphere of creativity and work, a place that develop your way of thinking. Both the students and the teachers willingly cooperate in creating that video.

Final Exams

The final exams are over. The students proved the knowledge, skills and competence they gained during the years of study. The exams comprised practical assignment and questions from theory. The answers of the students were rated by an unbiased board of examiners.



Let's wish our alumni a good start and success!

One More Year Has Passed

A joyful, humorous day full of dances and songs summed up the school year. It refreshed past memories and inspired new expectations. A farewell to the graduates! Fresh and creative energy to the sophomores and the seniors!



Those present were suggested to think what the Center is for them. A number of teachers and students were sure and unanimous in thought that the Center is the way of living and place where one can learn a certain set of values.

