



Educational Exchange

Being a partner of “French-Armenian Vocational Education Center”, Rhône Vocational Education company (CEPR) continued an educational exchange initiative. Its students and teachers were welcome in the Center and spent a week sharing their skills and knowledge with their Armenian colleagues.

They worked with teachers and students from every department of the Center – Dental Technicians, Hairdressers, Tailors, Cooks – and were willing to exchange experience in latest technology and methods of teaching.



We were happy to meet compatriots among our guest students of Hairdressing and Pastry departments from Lyon.

The program was very rich. It included practical classes and theory. The students of the Center could enjoy several master classes, and the guest students were

taken for a number of study tours to sewing factories, fashion design studios.

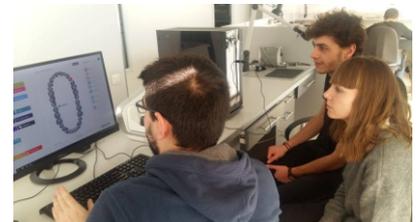


The pastry classes were no less active and interesting. A student from Rhône Vocational Education company, our compatriot Sargis Mkrtychyan, showed his skills in master classes and demonstrated the process of chocolate mirror glazing, chocolate mousse making and some other new technologies.



The Hairdressing department enjoyed the classes of Sui Sim Lempreur, a specialist from France, who taught Armenian students new techniques of haircutting and hair styling.

The dental technicians from Lyon and Armenian students worked in the Center and visited dental clinics to get acquainted with dental prosthetics experience in Armenia.



The French teacher Adrien Lachaud taught how to make learning process fun by introducing easy interactive methods.

It also was a great honour for the students to be in the Embassy of France in Armenia and meet with Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of France in Armenia H.E. Mr. Jonathan Lacote.



From Komitas to National Symbols

A weeklong visit of the students and teachers of the French company Rhône Vocational Education was summed up by a performance arranged by the students of the Center.



The third-year students from Tailors department presented their “Komitas” collection. All gowns were designed in black and white. The black colour symbolized hardship of Komitas's life and the white colour was the symbol of the heritage he left. The fashion show was accompanied by Komitas music, dancing performance and verses from Sevak's poem “The Unceasing Belfry” dedicated to Armenian composer Komitas.



Another event was in French. The participants spoke about “National

Stereotypes”. What kind of national stereotypes are there? How are they interpreted? The picturesque national atmosphere was created by self-made clothes and decoration.



The final scene of the performance was an Armenian folk dance. The dancers invited the Armenian and French guests to join them in rhythmic steps. Warm and joyful atmosphere led to a friendly dialogue between the French and Armenian students. It was an exchange of thoughts, impressions, sincere talk about differences in way of thinking, way of living, students' life, professional approach.

We think this weeklong visit was a success and will become a good start for bilateral development and cooperation.



International Students' Day

Team work, time management, unity...

Those were the core elements necessary for the students to play “Questroom” game. The tasks of the game were schemed by the students. The players had to answer logic questions to find the room key and get out.



The most united team was announced the winner. All other students had an opportunity to follow the game live and get a thrilling impression.

Happy Students' Day... The students' team should be strong to hold our country's future.



Go for Your Goal

The Center was proud and happy to host Ara Khachadurian, a French sportsman, Armenian by origin, who was invited to Armenia by the Embassy of France.

Ara Khachadurian was the one who ran from Marseille to Armenia and overcame 5,000 kilometers in 2018. He climbed the Earth's highest peak Everest.



The sportsman's narration about his activities was illustrated by a slideshow, and then he willingly answered the students' questions. The climber had a very friendly talk to the students from the Center and told them about his sports stimulus. He encouraged the students to go for the goal and overcome difficulties. He said, everything is possible when one loves life and is eager to work.

I-Brand

The meeting with "Global Media Lab" marketing company founder and director Seda Vardanyan was important for the students of the Center, Vardanyan talked about labour market development and career making.



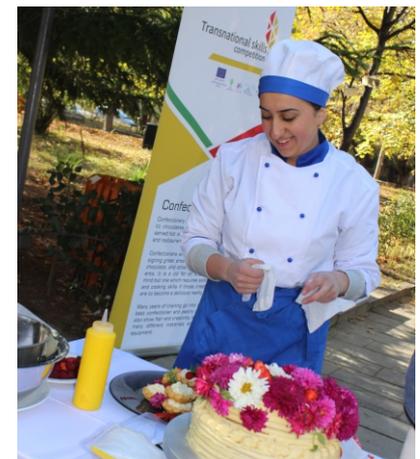
If one wants to succeed, he must never give up. One should follow the rule "Rely on yourself". What should the teachers of the Center focus on to motivate the students and show them the ties between school subjects, professional skills and labour market? What are the perspectives? How one should start his or her career in a certain field? These questions were the main subject of the meeting and helped the students to plan their future to some extent.



International Skills Competition

Fifteen young people from Armenia participated in "SAY_YES Skills for Jobs" project under EU4Youth initiative, funded by the European Union. They participated in the International Skills Competition that was held in Saguramo town, Georgia.

The participants competed in three nominations: cheese making, pastry decoration and landscape design.



The young specialist from the Cooks department of the Center Roza Velitsyan was among those fifteen Armenian participants who were selected by World Vision Armenia for the competition.

Rosa Velitsyan competed in pastry decoration, her cake looked very cheerful and fresh with butter cream and flowers.

The goal of the initiative was to stimulate job-oriented education, to exchange skills and to provide contacts between Armenian and Georgian youth.

Students' Visit to ATP Charitable Foundation

The students of the Center visited "Armenia Tree Project" Charitable Foundation that is located in Carin village of Ashtarak, Armenia. The students participated in an educational seminar. A number of topics were covered: water purity, drinking water supply, nature pollution. At the end the students were invited to have an introductory tour round a greenhouse, where they were taught to distinguish tree species.



These seminars are held periodically, as they influence students' ecological conscience and educate them to be careful to the environment.

Human Rights Day

People of the World celebrate December 10th as Human Rights Day. That very day the teacher of Social Studies invited the teaching staff of the Center to be present at a lesson, which topic was "Children's rights and responsibilities". The students of the class tried to analyze the issue based on the social poll they provided among adults and ado-



lescents. Among the questions discussed was the question of child protection in other countries. The topic of the lesson was summed up by a test to check the students' level of knowledge in the field of children's rights and responsibilities.



A Day with Elderly People

One of the most anticipated and warm events the Center annually arranges is a welcoming party for elderly people. The deepest respect, hospitality, poetry reading, singing and dancing, hearty wishes, wise advice accompanied that nice meeting and connected the old and the young. This unity is the



basis of the future. Happy and healthy living to our grannies and grandpas and ... Happy New Year!



"A Baby's Dream"

"A Baby's Dream" was a theatre performance staged by the students of the Center. It was an interesting message to all who waits for a miracle on New Year Eve. People should value the time they live, love their relatives. "It's important to have real and positive dreams",- say Santa Claus and Snow Maiden to the little girl of the performance teaching her to know good from evil. The cast members played their roles well and inspired the spectators with the expectation of upcoming winter holiday.



We believe in miracles.
Happy New year!