



New Academic Year Starts

At the beginning of the new academic year 2022-2023 the second and the third year students of CEPFA welcomed everybody, talked about their students life full of practical classes, community activities and various events.

They strongly advised the freshmen to be proactive, be citizens of action, be ambitious. These traits are necessary if one wants to make progress in life.



Assistance to the Soldiers of the 44-Day War in Artsakh

CEPFA received Mrs. Annie Ekmekchian, the member of Lyon organization "Strength of



Hope", and Mrs. Susanna Gasparyan, the representative of the eponymous association in Armenia.

This French-Armenian charity union is targeted at supporting Armenian young people basically in the field of education.

Within the frame of its charitable mission "Strength of Hope" has provided financial assistance to 9 students of CEPFA. Some of the students are participants of the 44-day war in Artsakh, the others are close relatives of the 44-day war servicemen. The money will cover their tuition fee.

France-Armenia Friendship Group Led by Senator Gilbert-Luc Devinaz Visits CEPFA

CEPFA together with a member of its Board of Trustees, Deputy Mayor of Yerevan Levon Hovhannisyanyan was honored to welcome senator of the New Rhone County and Lyon Metropole Mr. Gilbert-Luc Devinaz and senator of Bouches-du-Rhône Mrs. Brigitte Devesa. Senator Gilbert-Luc Devinaz headed France-Armenia Friendship Group.

Mr. Christian Droz, the president of CEPFA Board of Trustees, delivered his welcoming speech. Mrs. Véronique Furlan, the general director of SEPR, performed the development projects of CEPFA.



The delegation was showed round the college. The guests were satisfied with their visit and wrote down warm words in CEPFA official guest book. They spoke about collaboration, expressed their willingness to assist CEPFA in its development projects for the benefit of the students' education.

World Teachers' Day

October 5 is the World Teachers' Day and CEPFA students invited teachers to participate in a discussion entitled "Image of the Best Teacher". A slide show presented the most important, key characteristics that students prioritize in any teacher. It was suggested that the image

created by students be completed by teachers. The opinions of the participants varied.

Students' congratulations to their teachers were very warm, their words proved once more that every good teacher has one sacred mission to save the nation and generation.

To be the best is not a choice for a teacher it is a must.



World Skills 2022

Gayane Simonyan who represented CEPFA in WorldSkills Armenia 2021 was announced the best in the competition and got her gold. Thus, being the winner, she was the one who was selected to represent Armenia in WorldSkills Competition 2022 that took place in Lucerne Switzerland. 34 countries competed in Cooking nomination and Gayane took the 28-th place. That was a great experience for her, helped to evaluate her own professional skill level and understand the impor-



tance of soft skills for communication. Her experience is a good basis to make the right emphasis in education.

“SHUTTLE” Methodology in CEPFA

Since December 2022 within the frame of Action Against Hunger program of Economic and Social Participation of Vulnerable and Displaced and Local Population in the South Caucasus (EPIC) CEPFA has been implementing a training based on SHUTTLE methodology. SHUTTLE is an innovative and inclusive methodology that develops soft skills and assists trainees to find a right job. The training lasts for 4 months.



CEPFA teacher Lilit Hayrapetyan and CEPFA career counsellor Anush Stepanyan were chosen as coaches for SHUTTLE training. They both were trained first in Action Against Hunger workshops held on 2022 July 18-22. During the workshops, they learned how the techniques of the SHUTTLE approach support inclusion through the development of beneficiaries' professional and personal competencies. They learned how to conduct "Shuttle" sessions through group activities and practical exercises.

EfVET Annual Forum 2022

The French-Armenian Vocational Education Center (CEPFA) was elected a new member within the General Assembly of EfVET (European Forum of Technical and Vocational Education and Training). It took place in Kuopio, Finland during the 31st Annual Conference 2022, held from 26th-29th October.



This forum was a great opportunity for us to meet new partners, discuss new projects and introduce the best European experience in Armenia, mainly in the field of capacity building and internationalization.

CEPFA is always targeted at education quality improvement.

CEPFA as a Member of ETF Network of Excellence

CEPFA received a delegation of European Training Foundation (ETF) members led by an ETF expert and coordinator of Armenian projects Cristiana Burzio. Within their visit the guests were shown CEPFA laboratories, workshops, got detailed informa-



tion on CEPFA activities and ongoing and future projects. Since 2022 CEPFA has become a member of ETF Network of Excellence (ENE) and this new status will give new opportunities for future development of CEPFA.

Our Independent Foreign Expert

Within the frame of WorldSkills Eurasia 2022, the Eurasian Skills Development Programme arranged a training of experts. Being its trainee, CEPFA vocational teacher of Garment Manufacturing Technology department Sona Voskanyan got a certificate and participated as an expert in WorldSkills Eurasia 2022 in Saransk, Russia. She judged the participants in Fashion Design nomination. By the end of the contest Voskanyan was awarded a certificate of an independent foreign expert.



Congratulations to Sona for her career achievement!

Masterclass in Dentistry

Students from Dental Technology department met with Gayane Baghdasaryan, an orthodontist-dentist, who prepared comprehensive presentation and master class on the use of articulators.

The purpose was to inform the students on the device, demonstrate the skills needed to use it.

It is worth mentioning that the department has been replenished with new equipment: articulators and parallelometers. These instruments are purchased to update educational process. CEPFA follows the principle of introducing new technologies and replenishing the equipment to keep up with the demand of the labour market.



Global Career Month

Inter-Agency Working Group on Career Guidance supported by European Commission and European Training Foundation (ETF) arranged Global Career Month first time this year.

From November 8 to December 13 international agencies arranged a number of global and regional events.

Career Lab Armenia was among international and regional partners. CEPFA closely collaborates with Career Lab Armenia.

An online meeting on career guidance was held on November 15. The panellists performed their best experience, explained how career development system was introduced in countries of the region. The steps in the field done in Armenia were presented in a short video. Anush Stepanyan who is responsible for career guidance in CEPFA was interviewed and spoke about the role and importance of career centers in educational establishments.

International Volunteer Day

CEPFA celebrated the International Volunteer Day and invited "Rotonda" theatre group of Hovannes Tumanyan Museum. "Rotonda" young actors are people with special needs. They were cast in "Dove-Men" movie based on a legend "Monastery of the Doves" by the famous Armenian poet Hovh. Tumanyan. A young actor, who presented the movie to the audience, was CEPFA graduate Gagik Galustov. We are happy to see his success.



After the movie discussion CEPFA students expressed their willingness to stay in touch with the young actors and support them as volunteers with vocational skills.

Ambassador of France Visits CEPFA

The Armenian Fund for Sustainable Development and the Embassy of the French Republic in Armenia announced a grant on July 15. The grant was to support projects aimed at Francophonie, popularization of the French language and culture in Armenia. CEPFA won the grant.



In December CEPFA was pleased to welcome H.E. Mrs. Anne Louyot, the Ambassador of France to Armenia, and Mr. Alain Touhadian, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Armenian Fund for Sustainable Development together with Arpine Stepanyan, the Executive Director of the same Fund. During their visit the guests were acquainted with the first outcomes of the project.

The aim of the project is to improve communication skills and professional vocabulary of future hairdressers by combining their French classes and vocational training practice.

Always Ready to Support Soldiers

In 2022-2023 CEPFA is continuing implementation of the project started the last academic year. It is a number of free short-term courses for soldiers of 44-day Artsakh War and their family members.

At present the stakeholders are getting skills in Russian, photography, hairdressing and pastry. It is worth mentioning that implementation of the project has become possible thanks to financial assistance of French-Armenian Association (A.F.A.A.R.A) from Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region.



Ghapama - Pumpkin Festival

On December 18, we had the pleasure of participating in the annual Pumpkin Festival organized on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of "Development and Preservation of Armenian Culinary Traditions" Association. It has become a tradition for CEPFA students and vocational teachers to be the part of this colorful festival. As usual the

bakery and sweets necessarily include pumpkin as an ingredient: Armenian gatas (sweet bread), rolls, madeleines, rum baba and ghapama (an Armenian stuffed pumpkin dish).

CEPFA got a certificate for active participation and support.



Miracles Come True in CEPFA

CEPFA students shot a film named "Miracles Come True in CEPFA". The work was done by the New Year performance arranged on December 28. The main character of this short film dreams about CEPFA and the story tells us how dreams come true. As the plot says, CEPFA is a state with its own laws that are different from real ones, its citizens are happy. The departments of CEPFA are imaginary ministries and on the eve of the New Year every minister delivers his Happy New Year speech to CEPFA people and promises interesting reforms.

